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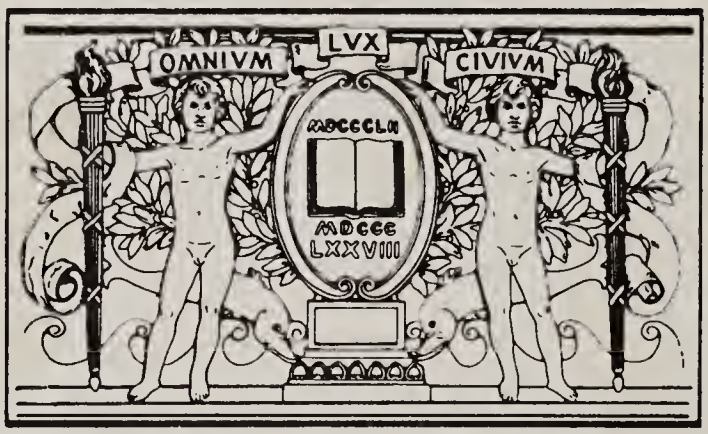

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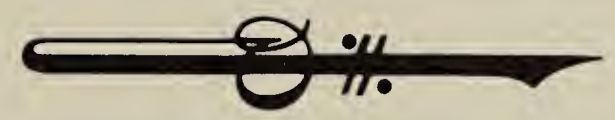

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To my husband, Ken, who has listened to me talk about my family's history for years, has put up with file folders everywhere and through it all offered encouragement rather than complaints.

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ABBREVIATIONS

b. born
bap. baptized
d. died
m. married

LDS Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon)

ICRC Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

SPRC St. Philip's Roman Catholic Church

Note: Church records and many vital records are not public if they could still affect living people. Most vital records, census records and church records cut off public access about 1910.

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Preface

During a Christmas family gathering, I read a letter that my husband's great grandfather Hiram Shafer had written from Memphis, Tennessee during the Civil War.

The words, the fragile old paper, the flourish in the handwriting; something in that letter reached out to me and history leapt to life. For the first time, I realized that my ancestors had lived history and I wanted to know their story.

Since then I have spent five years researching the Garvey experience in documents, newspapers, interviews and photographs.

I started with my mother's information from Anna Garvey, daughter of Patrick and Mina (Corbett) Garvey, and found sources that supported that information or proved it wrong.

The research is not finished. It will be many years if ever that records which will untangle some puzzles will be available. Now, it is important to get out the information that is known. I especially wanted to get the pictures circulated that my mother had relentlessly sought until she had pictures of James' Garvey, his wife Mary Craig and five of their children. There are few families who can claim to have pictures of nearly all the immigrant ancestors and the Garvey's are one of those few families.

Having labored through a number of family histories, my goal has been first to record the family history as I have learned it to be, and second to present it to non-genealogists in an understandable fashion.

No matter how a family history is arranged, there are usually several pages between generations for the reader to remember. Therefore I have assigned an Arabic numeral to each child whose descendants will be discussed later in the book.

When that child and the descendants are later discussed, the Arabic numeral again appears in the left margin. The reader can then more easily check back and forth to follow generations. In addition, I have occasionally summarized a person's lineage in brackets by listing the Garvey parent, grandparent etc. for each generation.

Many of the birth dates of the immigrants will never be established unless Irish records are found. Therefore I have included conflicting ages and birth dates of these immigrants as I found them.

While many of us wonder what our ancestors might think of our modern technology and customs, I have often thought that they would be more amazed at what the records they left say about them.

Confused census takers who included neighbors' children in a household, baffled clerks spelling names by sound when the speaker had a brogue, and grief stricken relatives who gave the birth date or age of another person when giving information about a recently deceased loved one are only a few of the people who innocently left erroneous official records and documents. For example, you can find Edward O'Hearn reported as age 40 in 1850, age 55 in 1860, age 70 in 1870, and age 85 at his death in 1881.

As I researched, my respect grew for these ordinary people and all they had accomplished. They wanted better lives for themselves and their children and they won them. They survived prejudice and hatred, had good luck and bad. One family died out. Another is lost to us. I hope I have done them all justice in the following material.

Acknowledgements

This work would never have happened without the cooperation of the many family members who shared their stories. My mother's earlier, and usually thankless, effort to save the family's story and her willingness to share the information preserved most of the original material for me to later sort out. Without this original "road map" to guide my efforts the project would have taken much longer. Most of the pictures in this book are hers and were identified by her also.

I also owe a huge thanks to Mary Ann Schwarz, great granddaughter of Mary Ellen Wells. Mary Ann had information about Mary Ellen's descendants. Although I have included only a small portion of her information, it filled out some fragmented details that I had collected of this family that scattered all over the United States after Betsy Wells' tragic death.

Thanks also to Robert Williams who had a great deal of information about the Craig family in Amsterdam which he shared freely.

Thanks too to Ed Patnode who shared his family's traditions about James and Mary Craig, immigrants from Ireland. Ed's material is the only clue we have that James came into New York City rather than one of the other 90 or so US ports.

No family history is ever complete. However, I expect that my information will add to theirs and that of others to make everyone's stories more complete and any future research easier.

Introduction

Ireland

The first of our Garvey's arrived during the potato famine when Irish immigrants flooded into our country. These immigrants were often fleeing a disaster whose scope is outside our comprehension, so a word about the circumstances in Ireland is in order.

Ireland was a center of learning while Europe languished in the dark ages. However, centuries of invasions and warfare have taken their toll on Ireland's cultural heritage. Norse and Danish invaders carried off some manuscripts, and hundreds of Churches, monasteries and other religious houses, with their schools and libraries were destroyed in the furious fighting between England and Ireland. Manuscripts have been burned, buried or carried off and are still being located in private and foreign collections.

Also, a series of laws and policies restricted what the Irish could own, denied them an education, reduced increasing numbers of the upper classes to poverty and reduced the poorest Irish to helpless, landless, uneducated paupers.

By 1830 the Irish peasantry was generally considered the poorest in Western Europe. There were few paying jobs so increasing numbers of the poor had no cash to buy the foods they couldn't grow. The population was growing steadily and had become more and more dependent on the potato. There were limited potato famines in 1799, 1816, 1817, 1822 and 1836.

Since there were few jobs, the homeless and starving Irish did not flock to the cities at first, they roamed the countryside often doing unpaid work for the right to grow a garden. Penalties for stealing food and poaching grew stiffer and farmers, unarmed by law, spent increasing amounts of time defending their crops.

In 1842, a traveler noted a hopelessly over-populated country swarming with beggars, potatoes dug up and eaten with winter months away, and was haunted by the face of starvation. He advised travelers to go elsewhere for pleasure, that "here there are miseries that one does not dare think of." Judging by the number of emigrants, the Irish were as disturbed as their visitors by the sight of the increasing numbers of starving homeless people. However, the situation was about to get worse.

In September 1845, the fungus that destroyed the potato crop was noticed in Cork. Only one fifth of the crop was lost but the cultivators who got their patches for unpaid work were unable to plant the next year. All of the 1846 crop was lost and a complete disaster followed in 1848. In general, the south and west of Ireland was most afflicted by the famine. Potatoes also fed a portion of the livestock, so a general livestock slaughter followed.

Of course, the peasants wanted wages for their work and the farmers were unable or unwilling to pay. The poorest Irish, unable to either grow or buy food, began leaving their plots of land and going to workhouses in order to eat. In the general farming and economic collapse which followed, even the poorhouses couldn't buy enough food to keep people alive. They were trying to feed about 3 million people by 1847.

Increasing numbers of the Irish who did have jobs and were feeding their families could see disaster immediately ahead and left Ireland. Many of these people sent money home so their relatives could buy food, land or a passage out.

According to Paul Johnson in Ireland: A Concise History, there was very little famine in the Northeast (it being struck by cholera), the famine hit the poor in the midlands and it was general in the South and West.

At first it seems no one could grasp the magnitude of the problem and then no one could think of what to do. The government argued whether free trade or price controls would help, geographic areas were gathered into Poor Law Unions for taxes to support the ever increasing numbers of poor, the cash poor landowners, now strapped with extra taxes, exported food to come up with the

cash, and the clergy preached patience while God sorted it all out.

News Item: Plattsburg Republican
May 5, 1849

> Ireland: In Ireland the results of the Poor Law Inspectors, give most startling accounts of the ravages of disease and poverty. It says the suffering of the unhappy peasantry of Ireland, has no parallel in the history of the civilized world.
>
> A clergyman from the parish of Connaught says the whole district is almost a wilderness. "Out of 12,000 inhabitants, which was the population of this parish 4 years ago, I am sure we have not 6,000 at present; and as for landholders, I am positive there is not one out of five remaining,so that the creatures that still live and move here may be termed rather an accumulation of dead and dying humanity, than what is generally meant by a population...

***

There were a variety of export schemes to rid Ireland of the homeless, starving people that no one seemed able to help. At least one shipload of Irish immigrants arrived in Canada with 174 people so nearly naked that the Canadians had to give them clothes so they could get off the ship. As you might guess, no one was especially happy to see these poor, hungry, uneducated people arrive.

Terry Coleman, in his book, Going to America, compares the traveling conditions on ships from England and Ireland to the infamous slave ships from Africa, with the added disadvantage that once the fare was paid, there was little incentive to get the passengers to their destination alive. In addition, ship schedules were erratic, and professional thugs preyed upon the emigrants waiting to board with more thieves waiting for them when they arrived at their destination.

News Item: Plattsburg Republican
20 Jan 1849

Wholesale murder on board a British Steamer

The latest arrival from Liverpool brings intelligence of one of the most frightful tragedies recorded in the annals of marine disasters. Of one hundred and fifty Irish men, women, and children most of them bound for this country, who were packed into the fore cabin of the Sligo and Liverpool Steamer Londonderry, at Sligo on the 1st of December last, seventy-three perished of suffocation on the voyage to Liverpool, where the vessel arrived with her dead and living cargo on the morning of the 3rd.

...It appeared, from the testimony, that the marine dungeon into which one hundred and fifty persons were crowded had only capacity for thirty.

...The place in which the poor creatures met their fate was about 20 feet long, 14 feet wide and 7 feet high, and so crowded that the dead lay 4 deep on the floor.

The captain and crew of the Londonderry have been committed to take their trial for manslaughter.

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Chapter 1

The Family in Ireland — (1808-1865)

Norah (also called Hannah and Anna), Michael and James Garvey all reported in US census records that they and their parents were born in Ireland. Their parents' names do not appear on any of the records that I have seen so I don't know where Anna Garvey, daughter of Patrick and Mina (Corbett) Garvey, found the information that our immigrant ancestors' parents were named Michael and Bridget (Boulton) Garvey. Most of Anna's information was correct so I believe this is a precious clue for future researchers.

Although I haven't found records proving their parents' names, there is ample evidence that Norah, Michael and James Garvey were closely related.

During several interviews, Anna told my mother, Hazel (Garvey) Ryder, that Michael and Bridget (Boulton) Garvey had four children. My mother took notes and the story varies whether one child was named Patrick or Peter.

Children of Michael Garvey and Bridget Boulton:

1. i. Anna[1] (Norah, Hannah) Garvey married Edward O'Hearn.
2. ii. Michael[1] Garvey married Mary O'Brien
3. iii. James[1] Garvey married Mary Craig.
   iv. Peter or Patrick[1] Garvey -- birth order unknown

Peter allegedly died in Ireland and there is no information about marriage or family. Some of my mother's notes mention a Patrick Garvey immigrating with Anna (Garvey) O'Hearn.

Family tradition has included that Michael, son of James and Mary (Craig) Garvey was born in

Elphin (Ail Finn) and Mary (Craig) Garvey's brother's birthplace was given as the parish of Elphin. However, finding the Garvey's or Craigs in the Elphin area has been a frustrating experience. Because, although I have been able to find James Garveys and Michael Garveys in land and church records in the area, I haven't been able to identify them as our ancestors.

Elphin is the name of a civil parish, a church parish, a townland and a town. The town is on a ridge about 80 miles north west of Dublin giving occasional sweeping views of the countryside. It is described in an 1837 book, Topographical Dictionary of Ireland, as having a population of about 6643 people at that time.

Today, it has wide streets and the definite air of a small town. I walked around, went in shops and checked at the post office for any information about Garvey's, clawed my way through any and all cemetaries I could find in the area and generally found briars and clods of dirt for my troubles.

Garvey has never been a common name in the area and today, there are only a few Garvey families. I did interview an elderly Garvey woman in Elphin who said all the previous Garvey's had moved or died and the present (unrelated) Garveys moved into the area from Galway during her lifetime.

I am quite certain that at least James and Mary (Craig) Garvey and their children emigrated from the Elphin area. Whether or not they were born there is another matter. In a letter to my mother, Francis Pierce said that his mother Lizzie Tighe Pierce and James' daughter, Winifred, were friends in Ireland just outside the village of Elphin, Co. Roscommon and according to Ed Patnode, Winifred (Garvey) Perkins' grandson, Winifred told of running foot races to St. Patrick's Bed just outside Elphin.

Irish civil records began including Roman Catholics in January 1864, less than one month after Patrick Garvey, son of James and Mary Garvey, was born in Dec 1863. He was the last of our Garvey's born in Ireland. Therefore our immigrant ancestors won't be found in Irish civil vital records and the Church records are the most likely records to help locate the family.

Unfortunately, Anna Garvey, Ed Patnode and I have searched and not found this family in the church records of Elphin.

Many birth records are missing in the Roman Catholic parishes of Elphin and nearby Creeve from Dec 1808-May 1810; and Jul 1860-Jan 1866. Marriage records are missing from Oct 1830- Mar 1864. These dates cover some of the time periods we are interested in so we may never locate church records proving the Garvey's came from that area.

On August 4, 1972, the priest wrote to Anna: "I searched 1850-1860 and only two families appear:"

Michael Garvey & Sara Cunnance had:	
Bartholemew	born 10 Aug 1851
John	born 8 May 1853
twins Bridgid and Anne	born 16 Dec 1858
Thomas & Mary Garvey had:	
Michael	born 5 Aug 1854

In 1975, the priest wrote to Ed Patnode: "I searched 1810 to 1840 for James and 1845-1860 for James' children."

Here are all the Garveys he found:

3 May 1817, Thomas, son of Michael Garvey & Eliz (Gilleran)

20 Jul 1822, Michael, son of James Garvey & Mary (McManus)
2 Aug 1824, Anne, daughter of James Garvey & Mary (McManus)

8 May 1853, John, son of Michael and Sara Garvey

30 Jul 1854, Patrick, son of Michael and Sara Garvey

The church records of nearby Kilmore, Tulsk, Aughrim, Strokestown, Kilbride, Ardcarne and Croghan have also been searched and our Garvey's have not been found. However, another child of James and Mary McManus was found:

20 Jul 1812, Michael Garvey son of James and Mary McManus, address Clooneyquinn, Tulsk. Sponsers were James Gavin/Mary McManus.

According to Edward MacLysaght's, Irish Families, Their Names, Arms and Origins, "Garvey is one of those surnames which in Irish have both the Gaelic prefixes Mac and O. Mac Gairbhith belongs to Co. Donegal where it is numerous: it is Mac Garvey in English, the prefix being retained.

The O, on the other hand, has been almost entirely discarded. The principal sept of O'Gairbhith, now Garvey, is of the same stock as the O'Hanlons, their ancient territory being in the barony of Oneilland East, Co. Armagh, until largely dispossessed by the MacCanns.

Nearby in the MacGuinnes country another sept of O'Garvey dwelt, and as might be expected, the name Garvey is not uncommon today in County Down.

However it is in Co. Mayo that Garveys are chiefly found in modern times; but these are really Garvins (in Irish O'Gairbhin), that name having been corrupted to Garvey in Connacht."

It is interesting to note that Michael's last name is recorded as Garvin in the 1855 New York State census when he is living with his sister Anna Garvey O'Hearn. County Roscommon is in the province of Connacht where Garvin became Garvey. In later US records, Michael's last name is recorded as Garvey.

The potato famine disrupted families so it is possible that only James and Mary (Craig) Garvey emigrated from Co. Roscommon.

Ireland

The four provinces and thirty-two counties.

Chapter 2

Anna Garvey and Edward O'Hearn

Anna[1] Garvey, sister of Michael and James Garvey, was also called Norah and her name appears as Hannah on her death record. She allegedly was the oldest child, born 1808-1815 in Ireland. She married Edward O'Hearn, born in County Cork, Ireland, son of Daniel O'Hearn and Betsy Morrison. Edward died in Lewis, NY on 8 Nov 1881 at age 85.

Anna died in Lewis on 1 Jun 1898. Dr. Barton of Willsboro attended to her during her one week of illness from having enlargement of the heart.

Anna allegedly immigrated in 1849. She and Edward appear in August in the 1850 US Census in Peru, Clinton Co. NY, having been married during the last year. Edward (Herrin), age 40, is a laborer. I did not find a marriage record for Edward and Anna so I don't know if they married in the US or Ireland. There are neighboring Herrin families in Peru in the 1850 census, so Edward and Anna may have come to live near relatives.

According to censuses, neither Edward nor Anna could read or write, a common state of affairs for Roman Catholic Irish. Presumably, that's why their name appears in various records as the recorder thought it should be spelled, Heren, Herren, Heron, Herrin, Herron, Hernin and later O'Hearn. Just imagine saying O'Hearn with an Irish brogue and you'll get the idea.

Children of Anna[1] Garvey and Edward O'Hearn: (from US census records)

i. Thomas O'Hearn born 1850-51, Clinton Co. NY, died of pneumonia in July 1860, at age 9 years 7 months.

4. ii. Bridget G.[2] O'Hearn born May 1855, Essex Co., NY.

iii. Mary O'Hearn b. about 1857, Essex Co., NY.

In 1852, Edward, Anna and their son, Tom, moved to Lewis, Essex County, NY, where they lived as farmers for the rest of their lives. On 14 July, the 1855 NYS census reports them living in a frame house valued at $100, with a daughter, Bridget[2], aged 2 months, Anna's brother, Michael Garvey (spelled Garvin), and his wife, Mary.

4. Sometime after 1880, Bridget O'Hearn married James Butler. Bridget bore a son, Thomas Butler 18 Aug 1882. (from Imm. Conception Roman Catholic Church records/ICRC). According to my mother, Hazel (Garvey) Ryder, Tom Butler, survived to die of pneumonia after he married. His widow married a Churchill.

A daughter, Mary Butler, was born to Bridget and James in June 1886. Bridget died in July 1886. Baby Mary Butler died 15 Oct 1886. (ICRC)

Mary O'Hearn, never married and lived to outrage Jane Garvey, daughter of Michael Garvey and Mary O'Brien, one day when she climbed up on the roof and dumped the chamber pot down the chimney while Jane was cooking a Sunday dinner.

Mary died about 1934 in Glens Falls, Warren Co., NY. Her will helps prove that Anna, Michael and James were closely related because it identifies Michael Garvey, Winnie (Garvey) Perkins, Bridget Garvey, Anna Garvey, Mary Garvey, Jane (Garvey) Jerdo and James Garvey as next of kin. These are her Uncle Michael Garvey's and her Uncle James Garvey's descendants.

There are no other descendants of Anna and Edward O'Hearn.

Edward, Anna, Tom, Bridget and baby Mary are all buried in the Cemetery of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Keeseville, NY. The headstones are next to each other. Notice the spelling variations of O'Hearn.

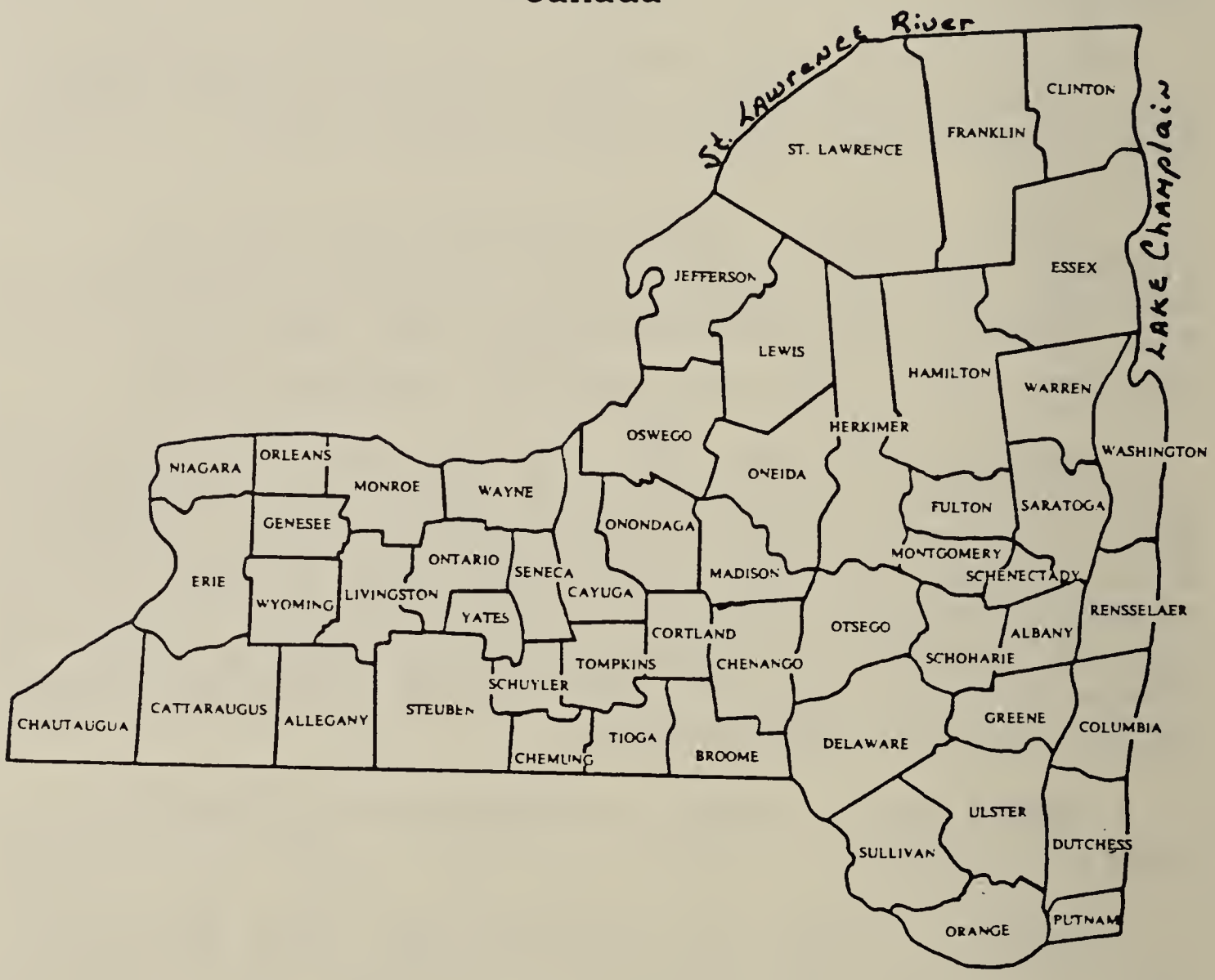
Edward O'Heren,
son of Daniel O'Heren & Betsy Morrison,
d. 8 Nov 1881 age 85,
a native of the parish of
(worn off), Co. Cork, Ireland.

Thomas,
son of Edward & Hannah Herren
d. Jul 1860

Anna Garvey,
wife of Edward O'Hearn
1815-1898.

Bridget O'Hearn,
wife of James Butler,
1856-1886

Infant of J & B Butler



Map of New York State

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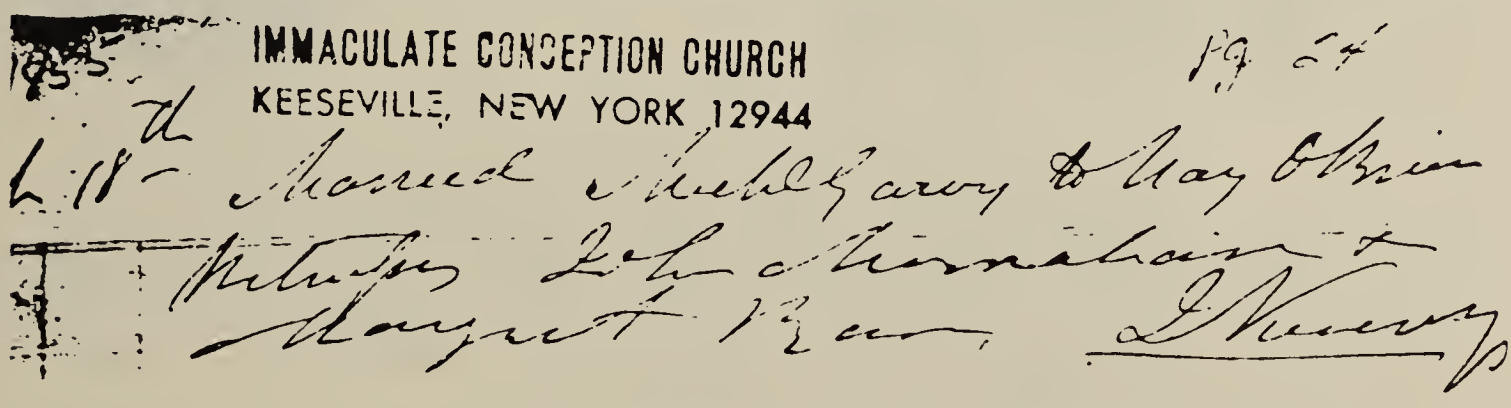
Chapter 3

Michael Garvey and Mary O'Brien

Michael[1] Garvey, brother of Anna (O'Hearn) and James Garvey, was the second child and born about 1818 in Ireland. (His age varies wildly in various records.) He allegedly immigrated to the United States with his sister, Anna, about 1849. Michael died of cancer of the lip on 9 Apr 1890 after three years of illness. His death certificate reports him a resident of the US for 40 years. Dr. La Belle of Willsboro was attending.

The earliest evidence I have found of him in the United States is the July 1855 New York State Census which reports him a resident of Lewis for 3 years and his wife Mary a resident of Lewis for six months. Their surname was spelled Garvin and they were living with Edward and Anna (Garvey) O'Hearn (spelled O'Haran).

Michael married Mary O'Brien, 18 Feb 1855 in Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Keeseville, NY. He purchased Peru Bay Tract lot 77 in Lewis from Hosea Goff and wife Hephzibah of Willsboro on 14 Mar 1855. Michael and Mary farmed in Lewis the rest of their lives.



According to several censuses, Michael's wife, Mary O'Brien and both of her parents were born in Ireland. Mary was born about Nov 1825/28.

The 1910 census, when Mary was living with her daughter Jane and son-in-law Louis Jerdo, reports Mary immigrated in 1850. However, the 1900 census,

when she was living with her sons James and Michael, reports she had been in the USA 68 years, since 1832.

There has been a family tradition that a Mary Garvey was indentured. An indenture was a written agreement or contract binding one person to work for another for a specified period of time. A person might be indentured to pay debts, make a down payment on property or any number of reasons. Indenturing to pay passage to the US was quite common. James's descendants are quite sure Mary (Craig) Garvey was not indentured. It's pure speculation, but it might have been Mary (O'Brien) Garvey, rather than James' wife Mary (Craig) Garvey who was indentured before she married.

I found the family in Lewis in 1870 with all the children at home: Michael, farmer, Mary, keeping house, Luke 14 attending school, Bridget 12 attending school, Mary 11 attending school, Jane 10 attending school, James 6 attending school, Michael 2, and Anna 4. Edward Herron (O'Hearn) and family are living in the next household.

Michael and his brother, James, declared their intention to become citizens of the USA on 7 Jul 1876 at the Essex County Courthouse. Michael received his certificate 24 Oct 1878.

2. Children of Michael[1] Garvey and Mary (O'Brien):

i. Luke Garvey[2], born about 1856. He never married and died 22 Sep 1888 in Indiana.
ii. Bridget Garvey, born about 1858, married Frank Paige.
iii. Mary Garvey, born May 1859, and died 12 Jul 1881 age, 22 yrs 2 mos. She is buried near the O'Hearns in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Keeseville.
5. iv. Jane[2] Garvey, born late in 1860, married Louis Gendron/Jerdo (1857-1940) about 1884.
6. v. James Garvey, born 1864, married Rose Laramee 25 Dec 1903.
7. vi. Anna R. Garvey, born 5 Oct 1865, married Charles Millard about 1889.
vii. Michael Garvey, born Sep 1867, never married. Died 3 Aug 1903.

State of New York,
COUNTY OF ESSEX } SS:

I, Michael Garvey native of Ireland now residing in the town of Lewis in the County and State aforesaid, of the age of 57 years, and now, or lately, owing allegiance to her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, do hereby declare, that it is my bona fide intention to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of North America, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any and every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to her Majesty, the ~~Queen of Great Britain and~~ Ireland.

Subscribed and Sworn this 7th day of July A. D. 1876 before me

his
Michael X Garvey
mark

Jno. D. Roberts
Dy Clerk

STATE OF NEW YORK,
ESSEX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

I, Jno. D. Roberts Dy Clerk of said County, do hereby certify, that I have compared the foregoing copy of DECLARATION with the original on file in this office, and that it is a correct transcript thereof, and of the whole of said original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 7th day of July 1876

Jno. D. Roberts Dy Clerk.

Michael Garvey's Declaration of Intention

State of New York, } ss:

COUNTY OF ESSEX.

I, Michael Garvey

native of Ireland now residing in the town of Lewis

in the County and State aforesaid, of the age of 54 years, and now, or lately, owing allegiance to

her Majesty, the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, do hereby declare, that it is my bona fide intention, ~~and has been for the last three years,~~ to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of North America, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any and every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever; and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to her Majesty, the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland.

~~I do further declare that I came to reside within the United States when a minor of the age of [illegible] years, and at least three years next immediately preceding my becoming of the age of twenty-one years, and that~~ for the continued term of five years, last past, have resided within the United States, without residing at any time during the said five years out of the territory of the United States, and that for one year, last past, have resided within the State of New York.

Subscribed and sworn this 24th day of October A. D. 1878., before me, } Michael his Garvey Mark

J A Titus Clerk

STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss:

COUNTY OF ESSEX.

George Helen of the town of Lewis

in the County and State aforesaid, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he is a citizen of the United States, that he is personally acquainted with Michael Garvey the applicant for citizenship, and that the said Michael Garvey has resided within the limits and jurisdiction of the United States for at least five years, last past, and that the said applicant aforesaid has resided for ONE year last past in Said County and State aforesaid, and now resides in Lewis and that during that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Subscribed and sworn this 24th day of October A. D. 1878, in open court before me }

J A Titus Clerk George Helen

STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss:

I, Michael Garvey native of Ireland and now residing in the town of Lewis

in the County and State aforesaid, and now, or lately, owing allegiance to her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of North America, and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any and every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever. And particularly, I do hereby renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland

Michael Garvey's Certificate of Citizenship
(Michael married Mary O'Brien)

5. According to her granddaughter Rita Schau, Jane[2] Garvey told of going to the Essex dock one rainy day when she was about five years old and meeting her cousins, Anna, Michael, Winifred, Luke and Patrick Garvey who were arriving from Ireland with their mother, Mary. This would have been James' family arriving about September 1865.

The 1892 NYS census shows that Jane married Louis Jerdo about 1884 and that Louis' parents were born in French Canada. Jane and Louis had a son William[3] Jerdo (5 Dec 1885-1964). Jane is buried with her husband in Calvary cemetery, Willsboro, NY.

Jane's son, William Jerdo, married Julia E. Sheehan 3 Jun 1914. According to Rita Schau, Julia (1888 -) was the daughter of Thomas Sheehan and Fredrickia Lavine. Fredrickia was born in Holland, her parents settled in Redwing, Minnesota. Julia was living in Linden, NJ with her daughter Rita Schau in 1988.

William Jerdo's wife, Julia Sheehan, was Bridget (Crage) Sheehan's granddaughter and probably Mary Craig Garvey's grand niece. Julia Sheehan's father, Thomas Sheehan, was the son of Patrick Sheehan and Bridget Craig (Cregg/Crage). Both Patrick and Bridget were born in Ireland. They married in Johnstown, New York in 1854 or 1855. (The marriage record was lost. See Allied Families about this family.) Bridget was probably Mary Craig Garvey's sister.

According to his Civil War records, Patrick had gray eyes, black hair and was 5'5" tall. He served in Company B Second NY Heavy Artillery and was wounded in the left hand and wrist at Cold Harbor, Virginia on 6 Jun 1864.

Bruce Catton's, Picture History of the Civil War, reports that General Grant lost 7,000 men in 30 minutes during the Battle of Cold Harbor. A Rebel colonel noted that "the dead covered more than five acres of ground about as thickly as they could be laid." After 12 days of fighting, and the loss of more than 14,931 Union men, Grant moved the troops (including Patrick) to a six week siege of Petersburg.

After the war, Patrick worked in a knitting mill in Amsterdam, NY. Patrick died Aug 1881. Bridget died 1892. Bridget and Patrick are buried

in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fort Johnson, near Amsterdam, Montgomery County, NY.

Children of William[3] Jerdo and Julia Sheehan:

i. Mary[4] Jerdo, born 3 Sep 1916, married Thomas Keating of Michigan City, Ind. Mary grew up adoring her grandfather Jerdo and spoke French with him. She died of cancer 27 Jun 1983 in Michigan City and is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Willsboro, NY. Their daughter, Judy[5] married Steve Kent. Judy and Steve have a son Ethan Essex[6] Kent. The middle name is in memory of Essex County.

ii. Rita[4] Jerdo, married Edward Schau in 1942. They have two children: Chris (Schau) Synasky and William Schau who married Carol Steener.

6. Children of James[2] Garvey and Rose (Laramee):

i. A son James J. Garvey, born 17 Dec 1905, died about 1924 when his sleigh went through the ice while he was transporting a piano across Lake Champlain.
ii. Michael Joseph Garvey, b. 25 Sep 1907, in Willsboro, died in infancy. (SPRC)
iii. Infant Garvey, died in infancy.

7. Anna Garvey married Charles F. Millard. Charles was born Sep 1864 in NYS. They and their children were living in Granville, Washington County, NY in the 1910 US census.

Children of Anna R.[2] Garvey and Charles Millard: (from 1910 census: NYS, Washington Co., Granville)

i. Harold Millard born Feb 1890 in Conn.
ii. Charles Millard born Jul 1891 in Conn. Married Viola Irish, daughter of Horse Irish. They had a son Ralph.
iii. Elsie Millard born Jan 1893 in Conn.
iv. Herbert Millard born Jul 1896 in NYS.
v. Helene Millard born Feb 1898 in NYS.

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Sources

LDS microfilm #1450551: St. Philips Roman Catholic Church Records, Willsboro, NY (SPRC)

Rita and Mary Jerdo

Chapter 4

James Garvey and Mary Craig

James[1] Garvey, brother of Anna (Garvey) O'Hearn and Michael Garvey, was the third child and born in Ireland in May about 1820-1828. (1900 census reports his birthday as May 1820, however, he is age 48 in his 1876 declaration of intention to become a citizen.) He died 5 Jan 1901 and was buried 7 Jan 1901 in Calvary Cemetery, Willsboro, New York.

James married Mary Craig in Ireland about 1850, being married 50 yrs. in the 1900 census. Mary, daughter of Patrick Garvey and Marry Craig, was born in April about 1826 to 1835 and died 2:15 p.m on 17 Nov 1903 in Willsboro. (Her headstone says 1904.) The US censuses report Mary and her parents were born in Ireland.

According to her son Luke's information on her death certificate, Mary had been a resident of Willsboro 36 yrs, was age 73 at death, and was born in Ireland. Dr. L.G. Barton attended her, said she had been sick 14 days and gave the cause of death as capillary bronchitis with asthma contributing to the death. Mary was buried in Calvary cemetery on 19 Nov 1903.

According to family tradition, James was a gardener on an estate in Ireland. Mary Craig worked in the main house and the two married. James poached game and kept his gun attached to the underside of the table in the house.

Somehow the authorities became more certain of his illegal activity and James immigrated to the United States in 1862 bringing his wife and children over in 1865.

James came to his sister Norah's (Anna O'Hearn) house in Lewis. The Perkins' family tradition includes that Civil War draft riots sent

the newcomers north from New York City. New York City immigrants came through Castle Gardens until Ellis Island opened in 1892.

This family tradition places James arriving in New York City with someone. It wasn't Mary and the children who allegedly left Ireland in Jul 1865 and arrived in the Chesapeake Bay in Sep 1865. These dates are supported in the 1900 census which reports James arriving in the USA in 1862 and Mary and the children arriving in 1865/66. (Some of the children giving arrival dates of 1865 and some giving 1866.)

Savage draft riots terrorized New York City for three days in July 1863 when mobs controlled large parts of the city. People were lynched and fires set. It must have been a frightening start to life in a new country for the new arrivals.

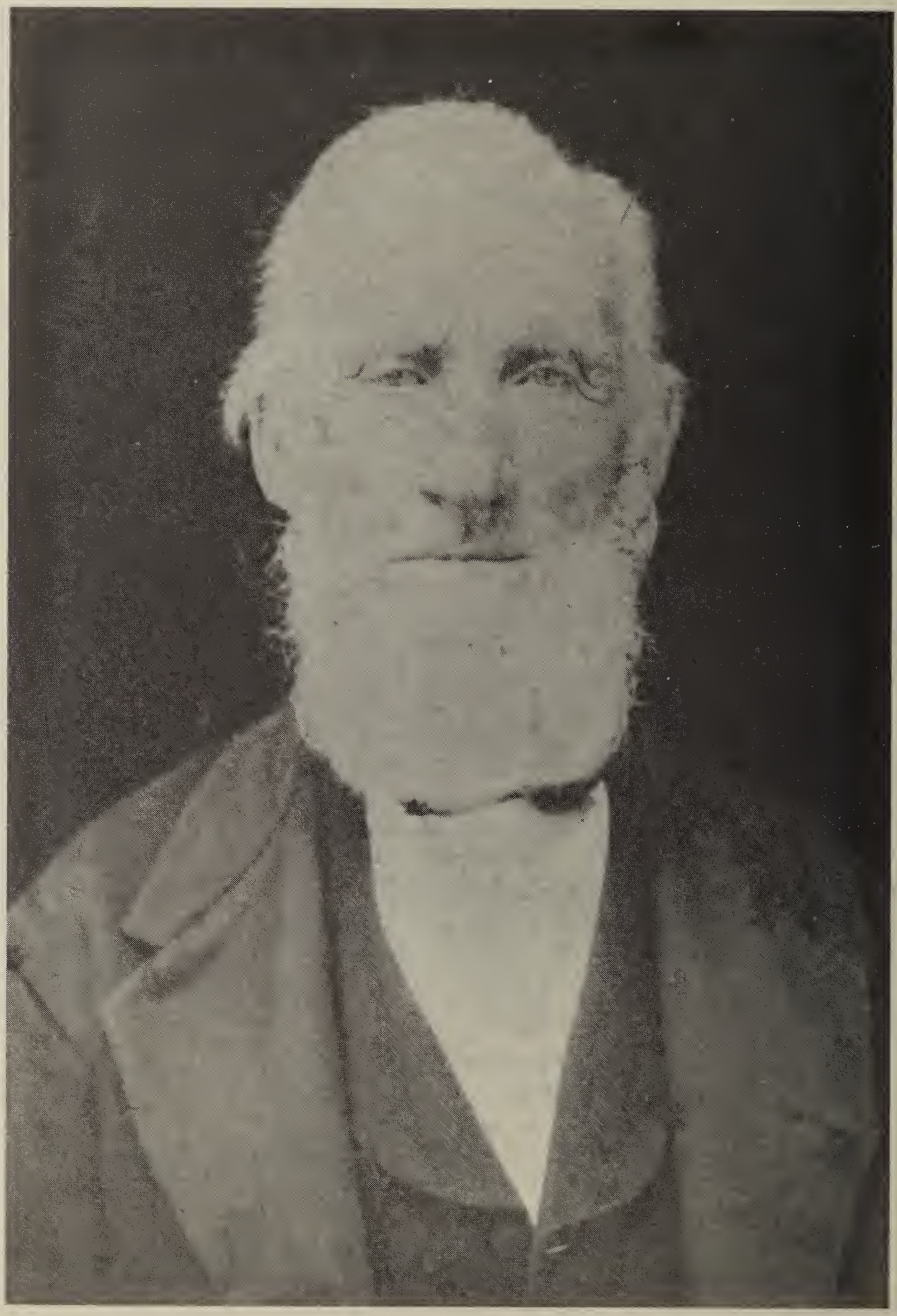
I found the entire family in Willsboro in the 1870 census taken August 2: James age 40, a farmer; Mary age 40, keeping house; Anna age 18, at service; Mike a laborer; Winnie age 14 at school; Luke age 9 at school; Pattie age 7 at school and Bridget age 2, the only one of the children to be born in the USA, was born in New York State.

On Feb 24, 1872, James bought the Church farm that he was then occupying in Willsboro from Beldon Noble for $700.

On 7 Jul 1876 James declared his intention to become a citizen at the Essex Co. Courthouse and received his certificate 14 Jul 1879.

Elizabethtown Post
Jan 10, 1901, v. 49, #24:

> The funeral of James Garvey, an aged citizen of Willsboro, was held on Monday, internment took place in the Catholic Cemetery.



James Garvey (died Jan 1901)

Mary Craig (died Nov 1903)

State of New York,
COUNTY OF ESSEX. } SS:

I, James Garvey native of Ireland now residing in the town of Willsborough, in the County and State aforesaid, of the age of 48 years, and now, or lately, owing allegiance to her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, do hereby declare, that it is my bona fide intention to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of North America, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any and every Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to her Majesty, the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland.

Subscribed and Sworn this 7th *day of* July *A. D.* 1876 before me.

James his X mark Garvey

Jno S Roberts
Dep Clerk

STATE OF NEW YORK,
ESSEX COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

I, Jno S Roberts Dep Clerk of said County, do hereby certify, that I have compared the foregoing copy of DECLARATION with the original on file in this office, and that it is a correct transcript thereof, and of the whole of said original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 7th day of July 1876

Jno S Roberts Dep Clerk

State of New York, } COUNTY OF ESSEX, ss:

I, James Garvey native of Ireland now residing in the town of Willsborough in the County and State aforesaid, of the age of 51 years, and now, or lately, owing allegiance to her Majesty, the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, do hereby declare that it is my bona fida intention, ~~and have been for the last three years~~, to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of North America, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any and every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever; and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to her Majesty, the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland.

And ~~I do further declare that I came to reside within the United States when a minor of the age of years, and at least three years next immediately preceding my becoming of the age of twenty-one years~~, and that for the continued term of five years last past have resided within the United States, without residing at any time during the said five years out of the territory of the United States, and that for one year last past have resided within the State of New York.

Subscribed and sworn to this 14th *day of* July *A. D.* 1879, *before me.* } his James × Garvey mark

J. J. Roberts
Clerk

STATE OF NEW YORK,—County of Essex, ss:

Michael Garvey of the town of Lewis in the County and State aforesaid, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that he is a citizen of the United States, that he is personally acquainted with James Garvey the applicant for citizenship, and that the said James Garvey has resided within the limits ~~and jurisdiction~~ of the United States for at least five years last past, and that the said applicant aforesaid has resided for ONE year last past in Essex County and State aforesaid, and now resides in Willsborough and that during that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Subscribed and sworn this 14th *day of* July *A. D.* 1879 *in open court before me.* } his Michael × Garvey mark

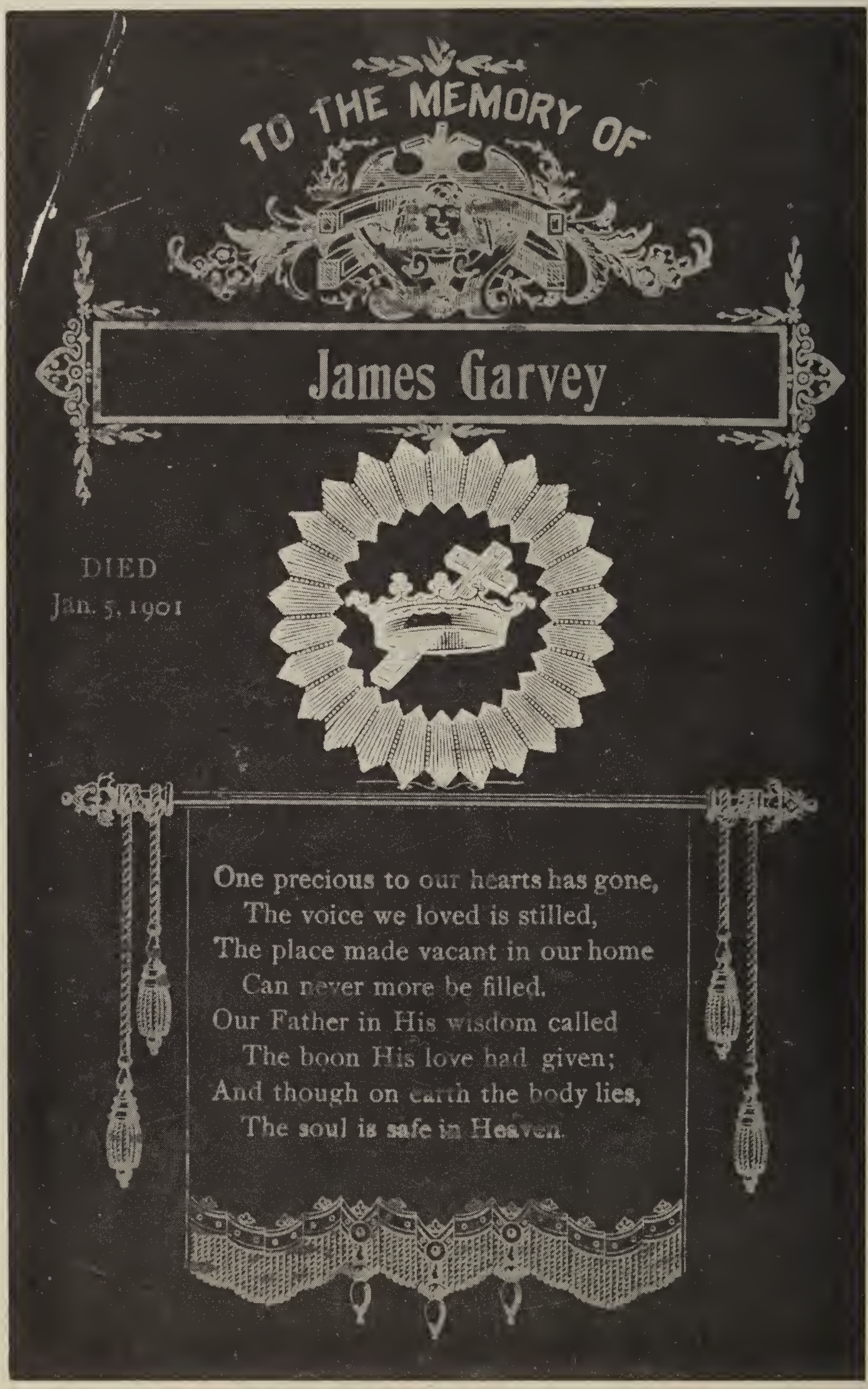
J. J. Roberts
Clerk

STATE OF NEW YORK,—County of Essex, ss:

I, James Garvey native of Ireland and now residing in the town of Willsborough in the County and State aforesaid, and now, or lately owing allegiance to the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of North America, and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any and every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever; and particularly, I do hereby renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland.

Subscribed and Sworn this 14th *day of* July *A. D.* 1879, *in open court before me.* } his James × Garvey mark

J. J. Roberts
Clerk



James Garvey's Church Memorial Card

3. Children of James[1] and Mary (Craig) Garvey:

i. Anna Garvey[2], born in 6 Apr 1852 in Ireland, never married. She died 15 Mar 1896. See Essex Co. Republican account.

8. ii. Michael J. Garvey, my great grandfather, was born in Ireland on 15 Aug 1855. This date is supported in the 1900 census. According to church records, he married Rebecca Wells on 5 Apr 1888 (SPRC) and died 18 Jan 1936.

9. iii. Winifred Garvey, born about 1856/7 in Ireland, married Joseph Perkins 22 Dec 1886. In the church records, it looks as though Perkins is an anglicized version of Joseph's surname in French. Winifred died 14 Mar 1938.

10. iv. Luke Garvey, born Nov 1861 in Ireland, married Kate Gill 31 Dec 1902. He died 2 Oct 1933.

11. v. Patrick Garvey, born in Ireland Dec 1863, married Mina (Agnes Elmira) Corbett about 1904. Patrick died 29 Apr 1932.

vi. Mary Bridget (Bidd) Garvey, born 20 Feb 1869 in NYS, never married and died 24 Sep 1957.

SECOND GENERATION

8. Michael J.[2] Garvey, my great grandfather, was born in Ireland 15 Aug 1855. His descendants believe he was born in Roscommon County. He was 10 when he immigrated and my mother remembers his telling of amusing himself on the ship by jumping over the seasick passengers who were lying on the deck.

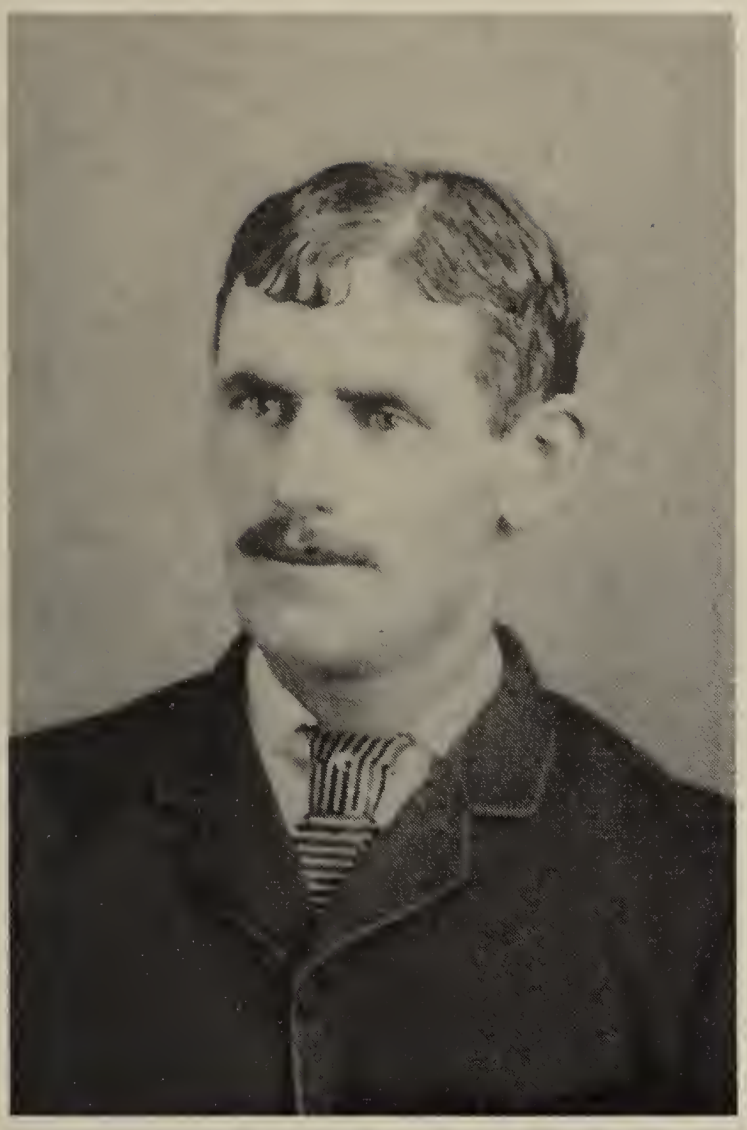
He married Rebecca Jane Wells 5 Apr 1888 at St. Philips Church in Willsboro, and died 18 Jan 1936. Rebecca, born in Essex, was the daughter of John Wells and Elizabeth Reed.

Michael and Rebecca lived on what had been the Hayes farm in Reber. Michael died in Willsboro on 18 Jan 1936 and Rebecca died in Reber the night I was born, 20 Nov 1944. They are both buried in Calvary Cemetery in Willsboro.

ESSEX COUNTY REPUBLICAN
April 30, 1896

Annie Garvey was born in Ireland, April 6, 1852, and died at her home in Willsboro, March 15, 1896. She was the oldest daughter of James and Mary Garvey, who came to this country when Annie was but a little girl.

It seems that the death of this dear one should have more than a passing notice, for her life had been lived wholly for others. One who has known and loved her for nearly twenty years, wishes to render this little tribute to her character, unselfishness and love won for her many warm friends. The aged, the young and the children all loved her, for her ever ready sympathy was with them all. Always ready with loving words to help cheer those in trouble or discouragement. Her first and last thought everyday was for others. Yet her most perfect love was given to those in her home; it had been her happiness to care for a frail gentle mother, while the brothers and sisters went out to the fields of life, but when they returned (always laden with the good things for mother and Annie,) she was the first to welcome them to enjoy the home fireside where the loved ones stay. She was a communicant of the Catholic Church, of Essex, and was ever loyal and true to the church of her choice. Her life was that of an everyday Christian. Without a desire to appear prominent she only wanted to do her duty; she was always ready to minister to the wants of the sick, or needy. One who watched at her bedside was heard to say, the prayers from her almost dying lips, showed how truly she loved and believed in God. She leaves father, mother, 3 brothers, 2 sisters and a host of friends and neighbors to mourn her loss. Yet we all believe our loss is her gain. The most tender sympathy is extended to this bereaved family. Friend.



Michael Garvey

Patrick Garvey (on right)

Sons of James and Mary (Craig) Garvey

Bridgett (Bidd) Garvey
(1869-1957)

Patrick Garvey
(1863-1932)

Michael Garvey, dau. Mabel, wife Rebecca (Wells)

Children of Michael[2] Garvey and Rebecca Wells:

12. i. Anna Mary Garvey[3] born 10 Jun 1890, married Richard J. McAuliffe on 25 Nov 1909. She died 23 Sep 1956.
13. ii. Craig Edward Garvey born 2 Sep 1892, married Ellen Margaret Wood in 8 Jan 1914 in Taunton, Mass. He died 15 Nov 1972.
14. iii. Maude Rebecca Garvey born 15 Sep 1894, married Daniel F. Kehoe 21 Aug 1921.
15. iv. Ruth Garvey born 6 Dec 1896, married John Adams 10 Oct 1917.
16. v. Mabel J. Garvey born 13 Jun 1899, mar. (1) Thomas Mead 5 Jun 1923 (2) Williams
17. vi. Rollin Garvey born 19 Jan 1908, married Della Strong.

9. Winifred Garvey[2], daughter of James and Mary (Craig) Garvey, born about 1856/7 in Ireland, was friends with Lizzie Tighe Pierce who was from the same area in Ireland, just outside the village of Elphin. According to Ed Patnode, Winifred told of running foot races in Ireland to St. Patrick's bed. Lizzie's sister was Mary Tighe Cannon.

Winifred married Joseph Perkins, son of John and Isabel Perkins, on 22 Dec 1886 in Westport. According to her grandson, Ed Patnode, Winifred and Joseph met in Glens Falls where he was working with explosives. He later operated a diamond drill. Joe and Winnie went to Montana for a few years where their second child, Luke, was born.

Joseph died 25 Apr 1937 and Winifred, who said she heard the banshee announce his death, died 14 Mar 1938, was buried on St. Patrick's day.

In the 1910 US census, Essex, Lake Placid; Joseph F. Perkins, born in Vermont, is a house carpenter working for himself. His father is reported as being French Canadian, his mother is from Ireland and Irish [as opposed to born in Ireland but English]. Joseph's wife, Winifred is reported as immigrating in 1866.

Children of Winifred[2] Garvey and Joseph Perkins.

i. Isabel Elizabeth (Belle) Perkins b. 27 Apr 1889, Willsboro, NY
ii. Luke Leo Perkins b. 3 Jun 1891, Butte, Montana
iii. Winifred May[3] Perkins b. 1 May 1893, Willsboro, NY

Joseph Perkins and wife, Winifred Garvey

iv. Mary Perkins, not in the family bible, died young. Ed Patnode said Winifred May thought she was the fourth child.
v. James Joseph Perkins b. 22 Sep 1896
vi. Anna Perkins b. 24 Jul 1898
vii. William Henry Perkins b. 15 Feb 1900
(Information from the family bible)

The Perkins lived in Lake Placid for many years. Luke was the mayor. James and William were dentists. Belle married Bartholomew Wesseltine and lived in Rome, NY. She died in 1949. Winifred May married Bartholomew Hugh Patnode.

10. Luke[2] Garvey, born Nov 1861 in Ireland, married Kate J. Gill (1873-1917) on 31 Dec 1902. Kate was the daughter of H. and Johanna Gill. Several censuses report Kate born in New York State and her parents born in Ireland. The Gill family was living in Moriah in 1880 and 1892. According to Carl Garvey, the Gill family came from the Boston area, and her brother was involved in Montana politics. The 1910 census reports a nephew, James Perkins age 13, living with them. Luke died 2 Oct 1933.

Luke went to Butte, Montana for a short time and his niece, Anna went out to visit him. She kept his branding iron. Luke and Kate had one child, Mary Garvey, born 14 Sep 1904 in NYS.(SPRC)

Mary married Earl West (1900-8 Oct 1976) 2 May 1936. Mary died in 1945 shortly after the birth and death of twin girls.

11. James and Mary (Craig) Garvey's son, Patrick[2] Garvey was born Dec 1863. According to family tradition, Patrick was about 2 when he arrived in the USA. Although there are a variety of dates available for Patrick I believe Dec 1863 is correct because his age is reported as 7 in the 1870 census, and 16 in the 1880 census.

He married Mina Corbett about 1904. Mina was born 20 Dec 1890 in Willsboro, daughter of Joseph Corbett and Mathilda (Crowningshield). Her parents were both reported in the censuses as born in the USA. Patrick and Mina's only child, Anna, never married and is the one whose family research I used as a beginning. Patrick died 29 Apr 1932. His daughter, Anna, born 2 Sep 1905 never married and died 26 May 1984.

Mina Corbett

Newspaper clipping (no date or id): Patrick Garvey aged 67 (hand corrected to 69) years passed away at the home of his brother, Luke Garvey on Friday April 29th. The funeral was held Monday morning in the Roman Catholic Church at Willsboro. He leaves one daughter Anna Garvey, two brothers Michael and Luke of Willsboro, two sisters Mrs. Winnie Perkins of Lake Placid and Miss Mary Garvey of East Orange, New Jersey.

Among the relatives called in town by the death of their uncle and brother were: Dr. and Mrs. James Perkins, Dr. William Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Perkins, Edward Turner (hand note added: Edward Turner is no relative) Mr. and Mrs. Bart Patnode, all of Lake Placid; Miss Mary Garvey of East Orange, New Jersey and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meade of Plattsburgh.

Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones especially to the daughter, Anna who is an only child and therefore left alone.

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The family plot in Calvary Cemetery has James and Mary, Anna, Michael & Rebecca, Luke & Kate (1873-1917), Patrick, and Mary Bridget. Mary (Craig) Garvey's sister, Winifred Craig (McDermot) (1832-1901)(SPRC), is also buried there.

THIRD GENERATION

12. Anna Mary[3] Garvey, daughter of Michael and Rebecca (Wells) Garvey, married Richard R. McAuliffe Nov. 25, 1909 in Willsboro. Richard, son of Richard McAuliffe and Liza McCusiker, was born in Willsboro about 1874.

Children of Anna Garvey and Richard J. McAuliffe:

i. Maude McAuliffe m. Dominic Martin. They had two children: Dino and Jerry Martin.
ii. Michael McAuliffe, d.1964
iii. Grace McAuliffe b. 25 Oct 1914, Willsboro, married Randall Calkins. She had two children, Tom and Randall.
iv. Richard T. McAuliffe b. 1923. Never married.

Catherine J. Gill

At her June 1895 Graduation

Mary Garvey and Earl West

Back row:
Girl with bow in hair not identified, Mary Garvey West, Rollin Garvey, Anna Garvey, John Adams, Ruth Garvey Adams, Luke Perkins?, Bart Patnode?, Winifred Perkins Patnode, Kathleen Patnode (b. Mar 1921)

Front row:
Rebecca Wells Garvey, Johnny Adams, Michael Garvey, Jim Patnode, Winifred Garvey Perkins, Luke Garvey, Alice Patnode

Michael and Rebecca Wells Garvey with Family
Probably 1922

Craig, Maude and Anna Mary Garvey

13. When Craig Edward[3] Garvey, my grandfather, was a young man he went to Taunton, MA to work. Ellen, daughter of Leonard Pratt Wood (1862-1935) and Christina (Campbell) (1866-1955), had come from Prince Edward Island to work as a nurse in a mental hospital in Taunton.

One day Ellen was trapped in a room with a patient who was threatening her with a knife. Craig crawled through the transom and helped her. Craig and Ellen married in Taunton and their first child Florence was born there in 1915.

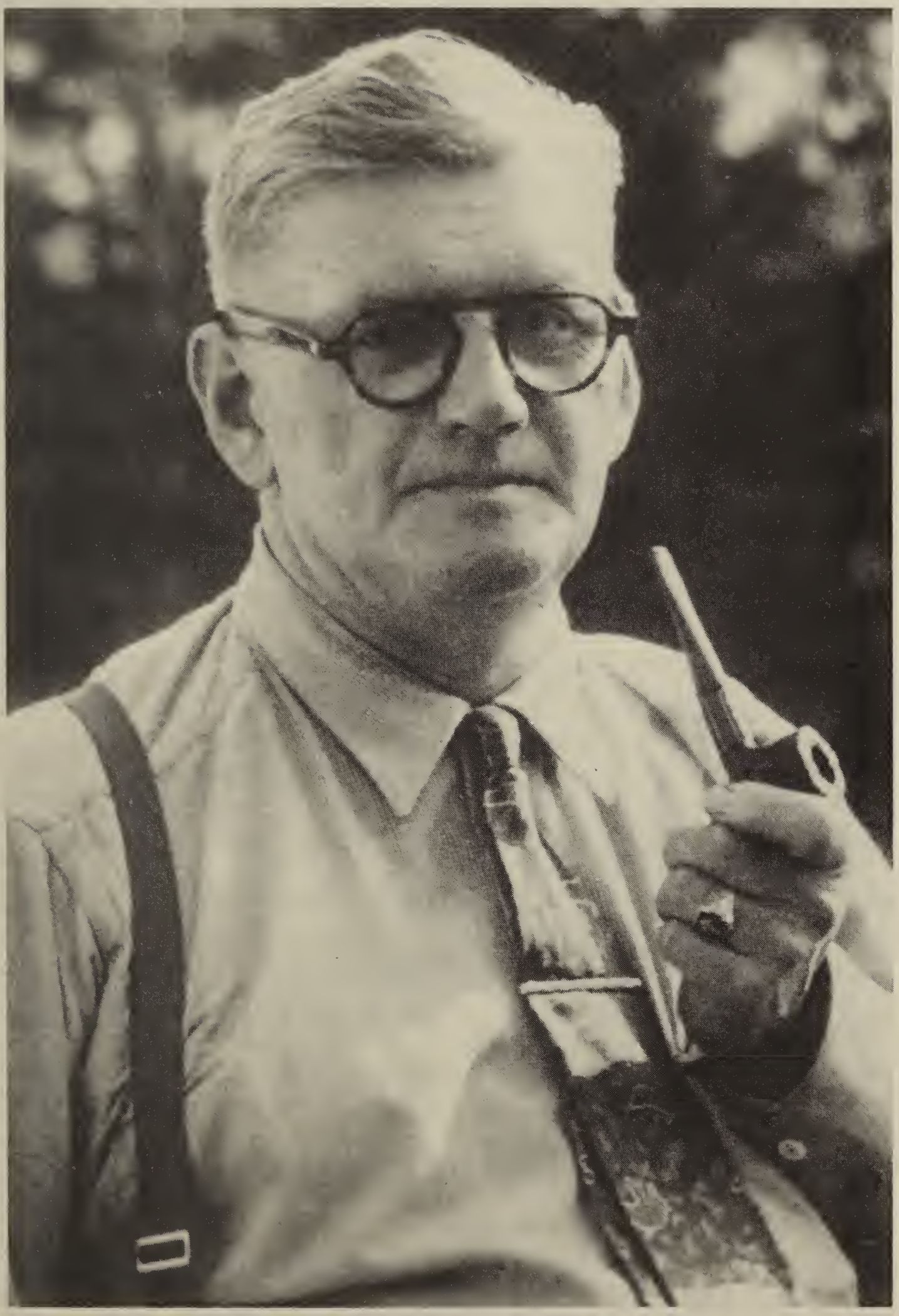
By 1917, they had moved to a farm in Willsboro that later burned. Grampa was elected road superintendent, and served until about 1929. Later he owned and operated lumber mills in Willsboro and Lewis.

The family lived on a farm near the Reber fire station by the time I was an infant during World War II. My mother and I spent some time living with Gramma and Grampa while my father served in the Navy.

Gramma died of leukemia 14 Feb 1968 in Orange City, Florida. See An Island Family by Albert Wood for an account of her Wood family history from England to Prince Edward Island.

Children of Craig E.Garvey and Ellen M. Wood:

18. i. Florence Mae Garvey[4] born 4 Feb 1915 Taunton, MA. Married John Singleton 19 Oct 1937.
19. ii. Ruth Christina Garvey born 2 Aug 1917 Willsboro, married Patrick Matthew Ryan (1909-1978) 3 Jun 1939.
iii. Craig Leonard Garvey born 1 May 1919 died 20 Aug 1919.
20. iv. Hazel Jane Garvey born 5 Jul 1921 married Barton Alvia Ryder, son of Alvia Ryder and Menelza (Warner) 2 Oct 1943.
21. v. Rita Eleanor Garvey born 29 Oct 1923 married Robert Benedict 26 Jun 1948.
22. vi. R. Carl Garvey born 26 Oct 1924 married Lucille Wrisley, daughter of Alton and Marie Wrisley, 15 Jun 1947.
23. vii. Leroy Wendall Garvey born 17 Jan 1929 married Ann Grust 6 Aug 1954, Montreal, Canada.



Craig Edward Garvey (1892-1972)

14. Children of Maude R.[3] Garvey and Daniel Kehoe:

i. Mary Consandine Kehoe born 30 Jun 1922, married and had one child.
ii. Daniel Kehoe born 3 May 1937, married and had three children.

15. Children of Ruth[3] Garvey and John Adams:

i. John Adams married Adeline Bradford. John and Adeline had three children, John, Joyce and Adeline.
ii. Robert Adams born 25 Apr 1920, married Florence ( ).
iii. Phoebe Adams
iv. Donald Adams born 6 Nov 1922, married Ada ( ).
v. William F. Adams born 28 Dec 1931, married Noreen, died 4 Feb 1965.

16. Children of Mable J[3] Garvey and Thomas Mead:

i. Jane Mead born 8 Apr 1924 d. 1933
ii. Thomas Mead, born 17 Oct 1928, resident of Syracuse, NY

17. Rollin and Della (Strong) Garvey, live in the home in which his parents, Michael and Rebecca (Wells) lived.

Children of Rollin[3] Garvey and Della Strong

24. i. Michael Garvey[4], born Jul 1927 married Jane Stafford.
25. ii. Paige Garvey, born 25 Nov 1931 married Barbara Root
26. iii. Patrick Garvey, born 8 May 1940 married Diane McDougal
27. iv. Rebecca Garvey, born 19 Mar 1946 married Carlton Wrisley
28. v. Wayne Garvey, born 29 May 1949 married Sharon Cassanough

FOURTH GENERATION

18. Florence Mae Garvey[4], daughter of Craig and Ella Garvey, married John Singleton. They farmed and Aunt Florence operated a roadside stand with four cabins on Route 9 in Lewis, NY which my parents bought from her in 1953.

We moved from Rotterdam Jct., NY to Lewis and operated the stand until 1957. My mother told me

that the (Leonard?) Pulsifer's motel further south of us on Route 9N in Lewis was the earliest in the area to advertise hot water in their cabins. This was accomplished by putting drums of water on the roof. The sun heated the water and the weary travelers could take a warm shower on arrival.

I have often wished I had been a little older and had written more of these stories down.

Children of Florence Mae Garvey[4] and John Singleton:

29. i. John Edward Singleton (Jack)[5] born 23 Dec 1938 married Delia Gonyea 9 Sep 1961.
30. ii. Lorayne Ellen Singleton born 27 Mar 1949 married Robert Hamilton 21 Feb 1973.

19. Children of Ruth Christina[4] Garvey and Patrick Ryan:

31. i. Judith Ellen Ryan born 9 Sep 1940, Plattsburg, NY married John Richard Higel 11 Oct 1975.
32. ii. Kathleen Joan Ryan born 5 Feb 1949, married Wesley Kauder.

20. Hazel went to business school in Plattsburg and then went to Schenectady to work for General Electric Company. That's where she met Bart. They married in Rotterdam Jct. and we lived there until 1953 when we moved to Lewis. My father trapped and raised muskrats and beaver in Rotterdam Jct. They lived in abundance in the nearby swamp. The Erie Canal ran across our back yard.

Barton served in the Navy in the Pacific during the war. My mother went to San Francisco to meet him once when his ship came into port. She never stopped marveling at seeing geraniums blooming in February and was disappointed when we didn't move there in 1953.

Children of Hazel Jane[4] Garvey and Barton Alvia Ryder:

33. i. Sandra Jane Ryder born 20 Nov 1944, married Kenneth Wayne Shafer, son of Walter Duane Shafer and Cordia O. Engler, 13 Apr 1968, Palo Alto, California.
34. ii. Barton Carl Ryder born 26 Mar 1950, married Nancy Snow, 17 Oct 1981, Woodside, California.

Map of Essex County Towns

Old Schoolhouse in Essex County

21. Children of Rita Eleanor[4] Garvey and Robert Benedict:

35. i. Marshall Craig Benedict b. 27 Jan 1950
m. Amy Rundbert 1 Jun 1973, NV
m. Barbara Doyle 23 Sep 1988
36. ii. Ricky Benedict b. 2 Sep 1953
m. Joanne Ford
m. Christine Tybush
iii. Keith LeRoy Benedict
b. 4 Mar 1957 d. 1957

22. Children of Carl[4] Garvey and Lucille Wrisley:

37. i. Deborah Lou[5] Garvey born 15 Oct 1951
m. Ross Frisbie 21 Jul 1973, Willsboro.
38. ii. Gregg W. Garvey b. 4 Feb 1954
m. Angie Lynn Perkett 18 Jun 1977.
39. iii. Bryan Carl Garvey b. 28 Jan 1956
m. Mary Bigalow 8 Aug 1981.

23. Children of Leroy Wendall[4] Garvey and Ann Grust:

i. Diane Susan Garvey b. 18 Mar 1957
ii. Lauri Ann Garvey b. 19 Aug 1960

24. Children of Michael[4] Garvey m. Jane Stafford:

i. Cynthia Jane Garvey

25. Children of Paige[4] Garvey m. Barbara Root:

i. Paige Garvey
ii. Holly Garvey
iii. Paul Garvey
iv. Lisa Garvey
v. Ranna Garvey
vi. Chad Garvey
vii. Nicole Garvey

26. Children of Patrick[4] Garvey and Diane McDougal:

i. Eric Patrick Garvey
ii. Aaron David Garvey
iii. Timothy John Garvey

27. Children of Rebecca[4] Garvey and Carlton Wrisley:

i. Jeremy Rollin Wrisley
ii. Julia Lynn Wrisley

28. Children of Wayne[4] Garvey and Sharon Cassanough:

i. Krista Jean Garvey
ii. Lee Jay Garvey

FIFTH GENERATION

Children of John Edward[5] Singleton and Delia Gonyea:

40. i. Barbara Jean Singleton[5] b. 8 Jun 1962 Hartford, Ct m. Steven John Reeves.
ii. John P. Singleton b. 3 Sep 1963 Hartford, CT. Served in Persian Gulf in 1987 on a destroyer, the USS Kidd.
iii. James E. Singleton b. 1 Dec 1964 Springfield, MA
iv. Robert J. Singleton b. 18 Apr 1970 Springfield, CT
v. Randy Craig Singleton b. 18 Oct 1972 Springfield, MA

30. Children of Lorayne Singleton and Robert Lewis Hamilton:

i. John Robert Hamilton b. 29 Oct 1974, Springfield MA.
ii. Steven Mark Hamilton b. 21 Feb 1976, Springfield, MA

31. Children of Judith Ellen Ryan and John Richard Higel:

i. Heather Leigh Higel b. 31 Dec 1977

32. Children of Kathleen Joan Ryan and Wes Kauder:

i. Krysten Ryan Kauder b. Jun 1986

33. Children of Sandra Jane Ryder and Kenneth Wayne Shafer

i. Cheryl Ann Shafer b. 13 Jun 1973 Redwood City, CA

34. Children of Barton Carl Ryder and Nancy Snow:

i. Brandon Chadwick Ryder b. 25 Nov 1982, Loma Linda, CA

35. Children of Marshall Craig Benedict and Amy Rundbert:

i. Jennifer Jean Benedict b. 8 Sep 1974
ii Marshall Craig Benedict b. 2 Feb 1976

36. Children of Ricky Benedict and Joanna Ford:

i. Tracy Renee Benedict b. 17 Jun 1975 Plattsburg, NY

37. Children of Deborah Lou Garvey and Ross Frisbie:

i. Ian Scott Frisbie, b. 9 Nov 1976
ii Julianne Marie Frisbie b. 11 May 1980

38. Children of Gregg W. Garvey and Angie Perkett:

i. Justin Wrisley Garvey b. 28 Feb 1980
ii. Kristin Lynn Garvey b. 22 Feb 1981

39. Children of Bryan Carl Garvey and Mary Bigalow:

i. Lindsay Erin Garvey b. 7 Jan 1985
ii. Joshua Floyd Garvey b. 3 Jul 1988

SIXTH GENERATION

40. Children of Steven Reeves and Barbara Jean[6] Singleton:

i. Kenneth John Reeves, b. 9 Aug 1985
ii Mark Howard Reeves, b. 7 Jan 1989

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Names and dates after 1900 from family members.

Chapter 5

Allied Families

CRAIG/CREGG

James Garvey, brother of Michael and Anna Garvey, married Mary Craig. According to Garvey family tradition, Mary is sister to Michael Cregg of Amsterdam. She is also supposed to have had a sister Bridget who married a Sheehan and a sister Winifred who married a Mcdermott. I can not prove all these relationships but there is evidence that the families are closely related. Various branches of the family spelled their name differently. The presumed siblings are as follows (birth order unknown)

i. Winifred Craig, born Oct 1822, in Ireland according to the 1900 census. Winnie is identified as James' sister-in-law and a widow in the same census. Family tradition says her husband was Patrick McDermott. Her church burial record records her name as Winnie McDermott died 18 Feb 1901 at age 73 (SPRC). Her headstone records her name as Winifred Craig. No civil death record, which might name her parents, found.

ii. Bridget Crage born 1826-1830 in Ireland, married Patrick Sheehan in Johnstown, NY. No civil death record exists for Bridget.

iii. Mary Craig/Cregg born Apr 1826-1835 in Ireland, married James Garvey.

iv. Michael Cregg born 10 Jun 1833, married Nancy McBride. Parents unknown on death record but place of birth is Parish of Elphin.

v. Patrick (Packy) Craig married. Children Walter, Thomas (a surgeon in Albany) and Patrick. No other information.

vi. Thomas Cregg married. No other info.

vii. Lacky Cregg

viii. Owen Cregg

Mary Craig(Cregg) was born April 1826 in Ireland according to the 1900 US Census or April 1835 according to her granddaughter, Anna Mary Garvey. On her death certificate, her parents are identified by her son Luke, as Patrick Garvey and Mary Craig. Mary died 17 Nov 1903 (73 yrs old according to death cert) in Essex County, NY. She is buried in Willsboro, Roman Catholic cemetery, Essex County, NY. next to her husband James Garvey.

In the 1900 US census, Willsboro. James, Mary and James' sister-in-law, Winifred Craig are living together. Winifred, 77 yrs old, is reported as a widow, mother of no children, she and both parents born in Ireland, and she immigrated to the US in 1860. Winifred is buried in the Garvey plot in Willsboro. I don't know how Winifred can be a widow, a sister-in-law and a Craig.

Patrick Sheehan, brother of Daniel Sheehan, married Bridget Crage 10 Aug 1854 or 25 Sep 1855 in Johnstown, Montgomery Co. NY before civil records were kept in New York State. The church's records were destroyed and then Patrick died 27 Aug 1881. When Bridget applied for Patrick's civil war pension, she had to produce witnesses that she had been married to him. Patrick Mcdermott is a witness but no relationship is stated. Bridget died in 1892. Patrick and Bridget are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery near Amsterdam, NY.

Children of Bridget Crage and Patrick Sheehan:

i. Edward Sheehan(1855-1865)
ii. Mary Sheehan (1857-1859)
iii. Thomas Sheehan born Mar 1864 in NYS, m. Fredericka (Lavine?) born Dec 1864. Fredericka and her parents were from Holland and eventually settled in Redwing, Minnesota. At about 14 Fredericka left Redwing with her sister and settled in Amsterdam, NY. She then married Thomas about 1884. They lived in (Pittsfield?) Mass. during the 1890's
iv. Michael Sheehan, born about 1866. Drowned in the Mohawk River.
v. Margaret Sheehan (1870-1890) According to Rita Schau, Maggie drowned in the Mohawk River during a snowstorm.
vi. Jessie Sheehan

Children of Thomas and Fredricka Sheehan:

i. Mary E. "Mamie" Sheehan b. Apr 1885 NYS
ii. Julia E. Sheehan born Jan 1888 NYS, mar. William Jerdo son of Louis Jerdo and Jane Garvey. Julia was living with her daughter Rita Schau in 1988.
iii. Jessie E. Sheehan born Oct 1892 Mass.
iv. Thomas F. Sheehan born Apr 1895, Mass.

(above from 1900 census, Amsterdam, Mont. Co., NY)

v. Roy Sheehan
vi. Eddie (Edmund?) Sheehan died small of childhood diseases
vii. Walter Sheehan

(above from Rita Schau and Robert Williams)

According to his death certificate, Michael Cregg, parents unknown, was born in the parish of Elphin, County Roscommon. He probably immigrated about 1854 and lived in St. Johnsville about 11 years before applying for citizenship in Montgomery County. He received his citizenship 7 Jun 1865 in Montgomery County, NY.

Michael married Nancy McBride about 1865. Nancy, born in New York State 27 Nov 1840, was the daughter of James McBride and Isabella Skeffington/Skiffington both born in Ireland (death cert). Isabella's sister, Anna Jane m. Matthew Hourigan and immigrated through Canada to Ohio and then Iowa.

Michael, Nancy and children moved to Amsterdam in 1881. Michael would get together with his Irish friends and speak in Gaelic which Nancy couldn't understand.

Children of Michael Cregg and Nancy McBride:

i. John Joseph Cregg born 1866-1871 in St. Johnsville. Never married. Died Dec 1921. Mortician buried in St. Mary's Cemetery.
ii. Edward Cregg 1867-1893
iii. Isabel Cregg born about 1869. Married Louis F. Hartington
iv. Minnie Loretta Cregg born about 1871
v. James Patrick Cregg born about 1874. Married Bertha Maxwell
vi. Angie Regina Cregg 1876-1897
vii. Helen Cregg born about 1880 married Robert C.Williams
viii. Michael Raymond Cregg, birth order unknown, married Margaret Coogan. (above from Robert Williams)

Obituary: Amsterdam Recorder
8 Jul 1918 Michael Cregg

Michael Cregg, one of Amsterdam's long time and well known residents, died about 3 o'clock this morning at his home, 249 West Main Street, in his 83rd year. Mr. Cregg had been in excellent health until about a year ago when his wife died and since that time he has failed steadily, due to a general breaking down of the physical system such as is due to advanced age. Mr. Cregg was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, and came to the United States 64 years ago. Amsterdam. For 37 years he has lived in Amsterdam. For more than half a century he was connected with the maintenance of way department of the New York Central. For many years he was foreman of the track force operating in the western section of the city. He was retired at the expiration of 50 years of service and is the last of the pensioners of the railroad in this city, or in other words of "the old guard." Mr. Cregg was a member of St. Mary's Church and of the Holy Name Society of that congregation.
He was an industrious, frugal citizen of the type that did much in the upbuilding of the section in the days of activity and was honored and respected by all who knew him.
Mr Cregg is survived by three sons and three daughters: John J., James P. and Michael R. Cregg: Mrs. Louis F. Hartigan, Miss Minnie L. Cregg and Mrs. Robert Williams, all of this city. The funeral will be held at the home on West Main street Thursday morning at 8:45 o'Clock and at 9:30 at St. Mary's Church. Internment will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

Anna Garvey, daughter of Patrick Garvey and Mina Corbett, received a letter from Monsignor O'Leary of St. Patrick's Church in Elphin, dated Aug 1972. There was only one Craig family living in the area then: John Cregg and Jane Mulvihill had a daughter Jane 24 Sep 1853.

Margaret Craig Sheehan

I believe she is dau of
Patrick Sheehan and Bridget Crage

Rebecca Jane Wells, wife of Michael Garvey, was the daughter of John Wells and Elizabeth H. Reed (Betsy).

Rebecca's mother, Betsy, was the daughter of Thomas Reed (and Kate Casey?). Kate, born in Scotland, died in Ireland.

In the 1880 census, Betsy reported that she and her father had been born in Ireland and her mother had been born in Scotland. According to the Holmes family tradition, Betsy was born in County Cork.

In 1855, Thomas Reed, widowed, and his two sons were living with a farm family, the Daniel S. Whallon family in Essex. As most of you have guessed by now, ages reported in the censuses are approximate at best. Usually the census taker asked whoever was home and that person gave a best guess. So we find Thomas age 40 in 1855, age 66 in 1865 and age 73 at his death in 1868.

The Whallon entry:
-Daniel S. Whallon age 34, born Essex Co, 1st marriage, resident of Essex (town) 34 yrs., farmer,
Elizabeth 29, wife, born New Hampshire 1st marriage, resident of Essex 15 yrs,
James Whallon, age 5 born Essex Co.
Conie S. Whallon age 3 (male), born Essex Co.
Corniliea Whallon age 4 mos female, born Essex Co.
Mary Ann Parr age 20 female servant born Ireland, resident of town 2 yrs, alien
Thomas Reed age 40, born Ireland, widowed resident 4 yrs, Naturalized
Thomas Reed age 12 b. Ireland, res. 4 yrs, naturalized,
John Reed age 9, border, b. Ireland, res. 4 yrs, naturalized
Thomas Parr, age 24 male servant, Ireland res. of Essex (town) 4 yrs.

There are several other Reeds in Essex Co. at that time.

In 1855 we find Thomas, age 40, resident of Essex 4 years, born in Ireland, Thomas Reed age 12, male servant, born in Ireland, resident 4 years, and John Reed 9, border, born in Ireland, resident 4 years.

Elizabeth, born about 1840, would have been about 15 years old and could have been living and working elsewhere in Essex at the time her father and brothers were staying with the Daniel S. Whallon family.

There are several Elizabeth and Betsy Reed's of approximately the correct age living in Essex County in 1855 and 1860 so I can't be sure I've picked our Betsy out. However, there is a Betsy Ried, age 19, who was born in Ireland, and is a servant in the Stafford household in the village of Essex in 1860. She looks likely to be our Betsy.

In 1865, Thomas age 66, is living with a son, Patrick Casey age 40, a shoemaker born in Ireland. Patrick's wife, Rebecca and Patrick's adopted son were living in the same household.

In 1870, there was a Patrick Casey's Boot and Shoe shop in Essex. I'm not sure this is the same Patrick Casey but it seems likely.

On 23 Sep 1868 a John Reed and Thomas Reed, both born in Ireland and residents of Essex declared their intention to become citizens of the USA at the Essex County Courthouse. They had both arrived in the US before age 18 so both were given their certificates the same day.

Betsy's father, Thomas died in Essex on 8 Oct 1868 and is buried in Essex next to his daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law John Wells.

According to family tradition, there was another child, Kate who later married a Peterson. I have no information about this child.

Children of Thomas Reed and (Kate Casey?):

i. Elizabeth H. Reed born about 1840 in County Cork, Ireland, married John Wells, later married Henri DeBosneys
ii. Thomas Reed born about 1843 in Ireland.
iii. John Reed born about 1846 in Ireland, was living in Mineville when his sister was murdered. He later moved to Ohio.
iv. Kate, no information.

Rebecca Jane Wells, wife of Michael Garvey, was born 2 Dec 1864 in Essex. She was the daughter of John Wells and Elizabeth H. (Betsy) Reed.

John Wells, was born about 1837 (headstone) in the Trout Pond area of Chesterfield (fam trad). According to the 1870 census, both of his parents were foreign born. He moved to Essex about 1862 and married Elizabeth Reed 20 Sep 1863 (fam trad). He died 10 Dec 1870 and is buried in Essex next to Elizabeth in the Essex Cemetery.

Newspaper Acct of John Wells Death
15 Dec 1870

ACCIDENT AT THE MINES. Whallonsburgh, Dec 12, 1870. -- On last Saturday morning, Dec 10th, about ten o'clock, a man by the name of John Wells, a resident of this town, was killed in Split Rock Ore Bed, located a few miles south from Split Rock. It appears that there was a large piece of stone and ore in the roof of the mine that was loose, and the men employed tried to get it down but failed. About ten o'clock on Saturday, after firing a blast, it came down. It happened that there were three men standing near the loose piece in the roof, John Wells being about under the rock when it came down, striking him on the head, cutting the skull through and letting out the brains, also breaking one of his legs in two pieces, and cutting the other almost off. He was taken home in a wagon, as he lived about three miles or more from the mine, Those that were near him say he never took a breath after the piece struck him. The weight of the piece was about eight hundred. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. He was a hard working and an honest man. By his hard labor he bought a small piece of land on or near the lake, and had built him a house and was doing well.

One of the two men standing near him was hurt quite badly.

At the time of John's death, Betsy had three daughters and then her fourth child, Phoebe was born the following April.

Children of John Wells and Betsy Reed:

i. Mary Ellen Wells, (twin) born 23 Dec 1864, married 1. Charles Holmes 2. Robert Frederick Roche.
ii. Rebecca Jane Wells, (twin) born 23 Dec 1864, married Michael Garvey.
iii. Elizabeth (Eliza) Ann Wells, born 22 Nov 1866, married James Johnson.
iv. Phoebe Cornelia Wells, born 29 Apr 1871, four months after her father's death, never married.

Betsy worked the farm and raised her children for 12 years until Henri DeBosneys met and married her 8 Jun 1882.

According to later newspaper accounts, Debosnys was born just outside Lisbon, in Belem, Portugal 16 May 1836. He and his family moved to France in Nov 1836. In 1854 Debosneys, his father, and brother volunteered to serve in the Crimean War, thus beginning Debosnys' life of soldiering and wandering.

About May 1864 Debosnys married Judith Desmaray/Des Maris in France but continued his wandering lifestyle.

In 1872 he went to Canada and married Celestine ( ) came down Lake Champlain to Keeseville, Essex, Burlington, VT, New York City and on to Philadelphia.

According to newspaper accounts, the Debosneys appeared on the French Benevolent Society records in Philadelphia from Dec 1878 - Mar 1882. Celestine died in March 1882. Prue/French Liz or Elizabeth Brown took up with Debosneys and there was some speculation he had killed her when she disappeared after being seen with Debosnys in Essex. However, later news accounts report she was in the Franklin House of Correction in Burlington, VT.

Upon arriving in Essex, Debosnys hired on as a laborer on Betsy Well's farm. By all accounts, Debosnys was well educated and spoke Portuguese, French, Spanish, Italian, Greek and English fluently.

ESSEX
POTTS
WHARTON
FRISWELL
JUDD
WHALLONSBURGH
WHALLONS
BAY
SPLIT ROCK MT
BOUQUET MT
CANADA
NEW YORK
Bouquet River
Quarry
J. K. Stafford
J. Cook
F. Bruhm
B. Williams Est
Mrs B Putnam
Mrs H Putnam
J. Bigelow
C. Parker
J. Stafford
C. Stafford
J. Palmer
J. Swan
A. McGill
F. Whipple
D. Stafford
W. Stafford
M. Hrasted
J. Cooke
M. Stark
Mrs A. Hazleton
J. Bart
O. K. Royce
G. J. Walker
W. Cross
S. D. Tuttle
L. Pease
S. D. Derby
W. G. Lyon
J. Fortune
Mrs C. Emery
Mrs R. Wells
P. Sheldon
C. Royce
F. W. Rogers
J. E. Lott
A. J. Baldwin
P. S. Baldwin
Mrs B Mitchell
W. W. Royce
J. Mathers
C. Winslow
J. Wilson
M. Dolan
O. R. Fisher
County House
Split Rock
Light House

One newspaper describes him as 5 feet 6 inches tall, having black hair, a brown mustache, brown eyes, high cheekbones and a high forehead with a two inch scar on the left side. His left wrist had tattoos of two tricolor French flags with crossed staffs, and anchor with a coiled cable. He had a saber scar on the knuckles of the right hand.

Later, Rebecca Wells said that she met Debosnys for the first time the day he married her mother.

Apparently, Betsy and Henri began to quarrel immediately because she refused to sign over her farm to him. They visited her brother, John Reed Jul 22-24 and went to Port Henry on July 31.

On the morning of Aug 1, they were riding home from Westport and turned off the highway to eat their lunch. It was there the murder occurred.

Debosneys shot her in the head twice with a pistol, cut her throat to the spine and then covered her body with leaves and sticks. He took a meandering route to Essex where he was apprehended about 6 p.m. while waiting for the ferry.

Allen Talbot, a Westport farmer, saw Debosnys leaving the woods alone and went to the murder site. He went to Westport and telegraphed Essex for a posse.

Debosnys was apprehended in posession of a bloody knife and two pistols, one matching Betsy's head wounds, as well as his wife's rings and her pocketbook.

Debosneys was taken to the Elizabethtown jail and Betsy's body was taken to the Wells home. Elizabeth (Betsy) is buried next to her husband John Wells, and father Thomas Reed in the Essex Cemetery.

According to family tradition, Rebecca was working at the Baldwin farm the day of the crime. John Wells sister and her husband, Joseph S. Moss came from Washington D.C for Betsy's funeral and took Mary Ellen Wells back to Washington D.C. to live with them. Sometime after her mothers' death, Eliza moved to Iowa and later to Chicago. Phoebe, age 11, later lived with the John Adams family in Willsboro.

St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church,
Essex, Essex, NY

1 Jan 1844- 6 Jun 1923

Register 1

Baptism, 28 Nov 1869: **Twins, Mary Ellen WELLS** and **Rebecca Jane WELLS,** born 23 Dec 1864 and sister, **Eliza Ann WELLS**, born 22 Nov 1866. Parents: John WELLS and Elizabeth WELLS; Sponsors: the mother and Mr. & Mrs. S.D. Derby; bap. by J.H. Hopkins Jr.

Burial: John WELLS, bur. 11 Dec 1870 in Essex Cem., by Clergyman J.H. Hopkins Jr.

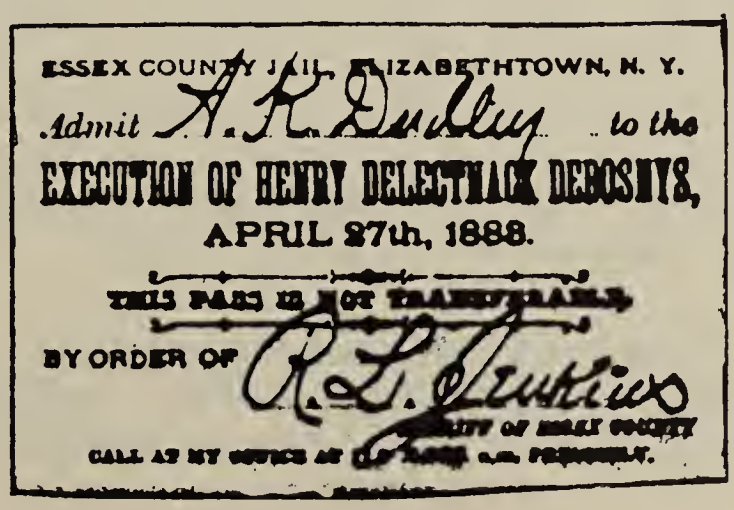
Baptism, 25 Dec 1878, at St. John's Essex, Essex, NY
Phoebe Cornelia WELLS, born 29 Apr 1871, Essex, NY
parents: **John Wells & Elizabeth Reed**
sponsors: Robert Fortune, Elizabeth Fortune, Frances J. Ross; bap. by Eugene L. Toy

Register 2,

Burial, Mrs. Elizabeth (WELLS) de Bosnys, residence Essex, age ca 42, died 1 Aug 1882, of murder, buried in Essex Cem. Essex

While in jail, Debosnys was treated for epileptic seizures with mercury which made him drool. He was indicted for murder in December and the trial set for 6 Mar 1883.

On 8 Mar 1883, Debosnys trial occurred. The jury deliberated nine minutes and found him guilty. The judge sentenced him to hang on 27 Apr 1833 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. While in jail, Debosnys tried to break his neck by running into the wall from across the cell.


ESSEX COUNTY JAIL, ELIZABETHTOWN, N. Y.
Admit A. K. Dudley to the
EXECUTION OF HENRY DELECTHACK DEBOSNYS,
APRIL 27th, 1883.
THIS PASS IS NOT TRANSFERABLE
BY ORDER OF R. L. Perkins
SHERIFF OF ESSEX COUNTY
CALL AT MY OFFICE AT [illegible] P.M. PROMPTLY.

H.D. Debosnys

On Tuesday, 24 April, Debosnys sold his body to Dr. Patterson of Westport for $15. His eye was given to Dr. Daily. Debosnys used the money to buy a suit to be hanged in.

On 27 Apr 1883, about 2,000 people gathered for the hanging. There were about 75 more in a side yard. Debosneys came out of the jail at 11:50 said he was innocent and that the blood on the knife was from a chipmunk.

He was hanged at 11:52 a.m. by hangman A. F. Woodruff of Elizabethtown under the authority of Sheriff Jenkins. He was the last man hung in Essex County.

Mary Ellen moved to Washington D.C. after her mother's death and lived with an aunt and uncle, Joseph S. and Mary E. Moss. Joseph stated in a 29 Nov 1910 letter that Mary Ellen Wells was his wife's niece. In the censuses, Mary Moss reported that her parents were born in French Canada so she wasn't a Reed (who were all born in Ireland), she must have been John Wells sister.

According to Mary Ann Schwarz' material, Mary Ellen Wells married Charles Holmes of Norfolk, Virginia. In Nov 1887, Rebecca obtained a deed from Mary Ellen for her property in Essex. Charles died 12 Nov 1888, age 32, and was buried in the Congressional Cemetery at Washington, D.C.

In 1890, Mary Ellen then married Robert Frederick Roche in Washington D.C. Robert was a former Army hospital steward and a widower.

Robert, born in County Cork, Ireland had four children from his former marriage: Sidney, Irene, Grace and Clavin. Shortly after the marriage, they moved to Chicago. Robert died 12 June 1910 and was buried at Fort Sheridan, Il.

Mary Ellen lived at 2612 Homer St. Chicago. She died of carcinoma of the uterus 14 Apr 1917 and was buried at Forest Home Cemetery, Chicago. At that time cancer was believed to be contagious so the family burned all her possessions.

Children of Mary Ellen Wells and Charles Wesley Holmes:

i. Charles Wesley Holmes II married Emma Hughes.
ii. Josephine Holmes married Philip Joseph Boening.

Elizabeth Wells moved to Iowa sometime after her mother's death. She later married James Johnson and lived in Chicago.

According to Mary Ann Schwarz, the children of Elizabeth Wells and James Johnson were:

i. Albert Johnson, born Chicago
ii. Nora Johnson, born Chicago
iii. Ruth Johnson, born Chicago

Phoebe became a Methodist missionary about 1892. She received her education at the Hackettstown Seminary and special training for missionary work in the Union Missionary Training Institute in Brooklyn, at that time in charge of Mrs. Osborn. She went to Foochow, China in 1895. Foochow is on mainland China, across from Taiwan, 34 miles up the Min river but a large seaport.

Phoebe was made responsible for an orphanage in 1913, a Bible Woman's Training School, Bible Women of the District and leper work, besides a number of special responsibilities. She worked there for forty three years and returned home about every 9 years for a visit.

Elizabethtown Post, Thursday 10 Jan 1901, Vol 49 #24.

Willsboro: Miss Phoebe Wells, who was expected to speak at the Meth. Church on Sunday evening was prevented from doing so by illness.

Phoebe Cornelia Wells

Elizabethtown Post, 17 Jan 1901, vol. 49 #25.

Lake Placid: Phoebe Wells, Foochow China, after renewing her acquaintance at the parsonage here and delighting all who heard her speak on China, spoke on the same subject at Saranac Lake the 8th instant and was compelled to tarry there for several days on account of the grip.

Hazel (Garvey) Ryder remembers Phoebe telling a story about looking out her window in China and seeing her dog dragging in a dead baby girl it had found out in the fields. (Parents laid babies out on the hills to die). The missionaries were also trying then to get the Chinese to stop binding little girls feet.

Phoebe retired in 1938 but continued her active Christian ministry as her failing health permitted. She lived at 2334 Steiner St. in San Francisco in 1941, 1942 and 1943. She later lived with her niece Ruth Adams in Willsboro, Essex Co. NY where she died 17 April 1944.

Headstone Lakeside Cemetery, Essex, Essex, NY.:

Phoebe C. Wells 1871-1944
[buried next to niece Ruth (Garvey) and John Adams]

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Appendix A

Here's a chart of the Garvey family:

Descendants of Michael Garvey and Bridget (Boulton):

1. Norah (Anna/Hannah) Garvey m. Edward O'Hearn
   - i. Thomas O'Hearn
   - ii. Bridget G. O'Hearn m. James Butler
     - Tom Butler
     - Mary Butler
   - iii. Mary O'Hearn

2. Michael Garvey m. Mary O'Brien
   - i. Luke Garvey
   - ii. Bridget Garvey m. Frank Paige
   - iii. Mary Garvey
   - iv. Jane Garvey m. Louis G. Jerdo
     - William Jerdo m. Julia Sheehan
       - Mary Jerdo m. Thomas Keating
         - Judith Keating m. Steven Kent
           - Ethan Essex Kent
       - Rita Jerdo m. Edward Schau
         - Chris Schau (Synasky)
         - William Schau m. Carol Steener
   - v. James Garvey m. Rose Laramee
     - James J. Garvey
     - Michael Joseph Garvey
     - Infant Garvey
   - vi. Anna R. Garvey m. Charles Millard
     - Harold Millard
     - H. Charles Millard m. Viola Irish
     - Ralph Millard
     - Elsie Millard
     - Herbert Millard
     - Helen Millard
   - vii. Michael Garvey

3. James Garvey m. Mary Craig
i. Anna Garvey
ii.Michael J. Garvey m. Rebecca Jane Wells
Anna Mary Garvey m. Richard J. McAuliffe
Maude McAuliffe m. Dominic Martin
Dino Martin
Jerry Martin
Michael McAuliffe
Grace McAuliffe
Richard T. McAuliffe
Craig Edward Garvey m. Ellen Margaret Wood
Florence Mae Garvey m. John Singleton
John Singleton m. Delia Gonyea
Barbara Singleton m. Steven Reeves
Kenneth John Reeves
Mark Howard Reeves
John P. Singleton
James E. Singleton
Robert James Singleton
Randy Craig Singleton
Lorayne E Singleton m. Rob't Hamilton
John Robert Hamilton
Steven Mark Hamilton
Ruth C. Garvey m. Patrick Matthew Ryan
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Heather Leigh Higel
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4. Peter?Patrick? Garvey

Appendix B

Debosneys (DeBoisnys) Chronology

I first began collecting information about Henri Debosneys because I thought that there might be information about the Wells family in all the news coverage. That just goes to show you how naive I was when I started all this.

In the process of mapping out when and where Debosneys was doing what, I made the following chronology from various sources. I thought it might interest you. I do not present these as true. It would be too costly in time and money to verify or disprove all his claims and the results wouldn't help me at all.

I simply collected the sources close at hand, looked at a map or two and made up my list. As I read the list later, I wondered whether he could have possibly been in all these places or whether he was simply well educated and could give historically accurate information. All of the accounts I read are second hand sources and most are quoting each other.

16 May 1836 Debosneys born about 2 miles from Lisbon on the Tagus River in Belem, Portugal.

Nov 1836 moved to France with his parents.
Apr 1838 moved to Havre de Grace; remaining until-
Jan 1839 when he went with his father to Griomond.
(His father's property, 1740-1870, is alledged to be a castle in Geromand Village, Oise, France with a second castle in Belem.)
1843-1845 attended the communal school in Geromand.

Jun 1845 -Sep 1847 attended Compiegne College

Feb 1848-Oct 1850 was with the North Polar expedition under LeClaire (Finding a polar expedition under LeClaire proved more time consuming than I was willing to bother with. If there was an

expedition, it must have failed because it's not mentioned in any references I saw.)

Jan 1852-53 at Paris (Napolean III Emperor of France 1852-1870)
May 1853 - 1854 attended the College Le Grand

Jun 1854-56 volunteered for the Crimean War with father and one brother [Maurice?].
The Crimean War (1854-30 Mar 1856), fought mainly in the Crimean peninsula between Russia on one hand and Gr. Britain, France and Turkey with support by Sardinia from Jan. 1855 on the other.

Jul 1856-Jan 1858 attended the Seminary of St. Brieux (Cotes Du Nord)
? Jul 1857 ae 23 vol. for the Italian War, when the French helped Sardinia break free of Austria

Feb 1858 -Dec 1858 Normal Superior School at Paris [said he studied for the priesthood]

1859 joined MacMahon's army for a few mos. service (war with Austria)
Aug 1859 embarked at Genoa for China with the French contingent.

Oct 1860 at Peking. Plundering of the Summer Palace

Aug 1861 ae 25, to Mexico under Bazaine, Commander of Maximilian's forces. After Bazaine's treason, removed to the Mexican side. Was Capt. of Guerrillas under Lopez, wounded at Dekpass Amidjo.

Feb 1863 ae 27, vol in 4th Pennsylvania (Volunteers) Regiment under McIntyre [No record of his service could be found at the National Archives]
Jul 1863 at Gettysburg. (Battle on 1-3 July) Wounded in head & hand by saber; and discharged.

ca Mar?1864 went to France; within 2 mos--
ca May?1864 m. Judith Desmaray/Des Maris in France
Jul 1864-Feb 1867 a second Arctic expedition under Col. Frank

to Rome; to Paris; to New York City; a trek to Omaha with his uncle or brother where he bought a farm; to Oklahoma where he stayed with the Osage Indians on the Canadian River; to New York City on Grand Street.

1870 ae 28, Franco-Prussian War vol with 4/600 men from America under Gen. Bourbaky (Bourbaki), [Franco-German(Franco-Prussian) War July 19, 1870-May 10, 1871, had 6 months of hostilities. the Battle of Sedan was Aug 31-Sept.2.]

Made a colonel under Gen. Bebusrole.

31 Aug 1870- 2 Sep 1870 Battle of Sedan where French were defeated. escaped to Marseilles, whence he shipped for America.

Dec 1870 John Wells killed in mining accident leaving wife, three children.

Mar-May 1871 The Paris Commune established vs. the French army & gov't. Debosneys at defeat. Gen. Cluserets threatens to shoot him.

Escaped to Belgium.

1872 Went to Canada and married Celestine (). Came down the lake to Keeseville, Essex, Burlington, & New York and on to Philadelphia.

To Black Hills

I have not been able to see the newspaper accounts. However, I've heard that Betsy's Wells settlement regarding John Wells' death was publicized in newspapers.

Debosneys statement he was in Essex, and roomed with Henry Lemaire, a Frenchman.

25 Jun 1876 Custer's Last Stand, Montana.
DeBosneys says he was with Custer when he died. (There weren't any human survivors on Custer's side. Did the Indians mistake Debosneys for a horse or did he fight with the Sioux?)
Dec 1878-9 Mar 1882: Debosneys appear on French Society records of money given to needy French. Society at 817 Arch Street, Philadelphia

In a newspaper account, Dr. Eugene T. Bernady (Philadelphia) remembered Debosneys: abt 5'9", thick and broad, large build, great muscular strength.

News clip: 5'6" black hair, brown mustache, brown eyes, high cheekbones, high forehead, with 2 " scar on left side, left wrist had tattoos of two tricolor French flags with crossed staffs, an

anchor with a coiled cable, a saber scar on right knuckles.

Summer 1880 Debosneys and Celestine came to Philadelphia from Canada in a flatboat. Debosneys lived South 1st Street, near Greenwich Point Philadelphia.
4 or 9 Mar 1882 Debosneys' second wife, Celestine died in Philadelphia.
Apr 1882 colored woman, 20 yrs old, Prue/French Liz/Elizabeth Brown, fell in with Debosneys. They arrive in Essex on a boat. Dick Mead, boatbuilder who knew Debosneys, believed he was a boatman.

8 Jun 1882 Betsy married Debosneys

[Elizabeth's daughter, Rebecca Wells (later Garvey), was invited home by her mother, stayed until Sunday, then went to Mr. Bruce's, she lived at Mr. Beard's and saw Debosneys for the first time June 8th, the day he married her mother.]

22-24 Jul 1882 Debosneys and Betsy visited her brother, John Reed, in Mineville.

31 Jul 1882 Betsy taken to Port Henry
1 Aug 1882 Betsy murdered. dau. Rebecca working at the Baldwin farm
3 Aug 1882 Essex Co. Republican: The enraged citizens of Essex wanted to take the law into their own hands. They were finally persuaded by calmer heads to allow the courts to punish him. He was then taken to Elizabethtown and lodged in the Essex County jail.

4 Aug 1882 Formal inquest. Coroner's jury verdict was murder. He was arraigned and photographed. Coroner was Dr. Pease.
Burlington Free Press: similar story.
10 Aug 1882: Debosneys wrote, "My Wife Last Home,"
11 Aug 1882 Philadelphia Times account stating French Society keeps a record of all moneys given to the needy French. Debosnys on their rolls.
Priests who attended Debosnys:
Father of Joseph Butler of Ticonderoga
Father John Devlin of Keeseville
Father R.J. McDeown of Springfield, MA

29 Aug 1882; Debosnys wrote the poems, "The Valley of the Death,"
18 Sep 1882: Debosneys wrote, "The City of the Death"

Oct 1882 Escape plot.

12 Dec 1882 Grand Jury met. Debosnys indicted for murder. Judge Landon. Trial scheduled for 6 Mar 1883.

Thirty jurors were drawn. The following were chosen: Joseph Sanders - Keene, William Stafford - Willsboro, Nathan Brook - Schroon, Orrin B. Howard - Westport, James West - Crown Point, Wesley Ferrin - Jay, John F. Mussen - Chesterfield, James Owen - Minerva, Eli Smith - Jay, Alexander Stevenson - Westport, Sidney W. Reynolds - Willsboro.

8 Mar 1883 Trial occurred. Testimony by:
Talbot, Blinn, Northrup,
Mrs. Talbot, Rebecca Wells
Defense: Arod E. Dudley and his partner, Mr. Corbin.
Prosecutor: Rawland C. Kellog, District Attorney

9 Mar 1883 Testimony by: Talbot, Bruce, Lawrence, C. and W. Hoskins, Barber, Chamberlain, Eliza Wells, John Reed, Drs. Atkins, Hale, Bailey

According to "The Story of Three Towns, by Morris Glenn, at the trial, evidence was presented that, on his arrest, his wife's rings and pocket-book were found on his person. Two recently fired pistols were also found in his wagon.

He was reported in the 8 Mar 1883 Essex Co. Republican to be a pitiful sight on the witness stand. He was described as:

...small weak, sickly, and trembling, with a shallow complexion, countenance, dejected, despondent, and whole demeanor cringing and cowardly. [Remember he was being treated for epileptic seizures with mercury which made him drool.]

He was so cringing on the witness stand that Sheriff Talbott had to say, "Come straighten up. Wipe off your chin. Look people in the face. You have lots of friends here Don't be afraid." The effect was wonderful and from that moment on he watched the proceedings with a keen penetrating eye. He was clearly a man of some intellect, education and mental culture.

At 6:01 p.m. the jury left and at 6:10 p.m. they returned with a verdict of guilty in the first degree.

The judge then sentenced him to hang on April 27, 1883, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The prisoner "acted as though the sentence was just," reported the paper, and "wept bitterly."

12 & 19 Apr interviews in Eliz Post. "I have worked New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, New Orleans, Buffalo and Albany went to the Indian Territory as a trader with my uncle

24 Apr 1883 Tuesday before execution, sold body to Dr. Patterson of Westport for $15 to buy a suit for hanging. Gave eye to Dr. Daily.

26 Apr 1883 Eliz Post: effort to have the sentence commuted.

27 Apr 1883 There were approximately 2000 at the hanging plus about 75 in the side yard. Debosneys came out of the jail at 11:50 said he was innocent, that the blood on the knife was from a chipmunk. He was hanged at 11:52 a.m. by Sheriff (Capt.) Rolland L. Jenkins (hangman was A.F. Woodruff of E'town). Jenkins said that it was a first class job. Debosneys was the second and the last man ever to hang in Essex Co. His skeleton hung in the Westport school at one time.

Press reporters present:
Troy Telegram
Troy Press
Albany Argus
Glens Falls Times
Ticonderogian (W. H. Tibbets)
Plattsburg Telegram by E'town's W. S. Brown
Eliz. Post
Essex County Republican

12 Jul 1883 Eliz Post quoted New York Sun that Debosneys name might be Keff.

Nov 1887 deeds 94-63: Mary E. Holmes formerly Mary E. Wells, of Washington D.C., to Rebecca J. Wells of Essex. Land in Essex. Later, Rebecca traded the Wells homestead for the Hayes farm.

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